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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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#### Impact Information

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Summary: Sanitation is a human right. The lack of access to secure and accessible restroom facilities robs people experiencing homelessness of their privacy, dignity, and safety. Individuals who are women, disabled, elderly, or transgendered are particularly vulnerable and face additional risks without access to proper sanitation. It is unfortunate that a Hepatitis A outbreak prompted an overdue response from the city to address this serious and ongoing public health and safety issue, but we are encouraged by this initiative to proactively seek a solution. Secure, staffed restroom facilities will not only benefit the thousands of individuals living on the streets of Los Angeles, but benefit the public at large due to the mitigation of disease transmission and other safety concerns caused by open defecation and urination in public spaces.

There is no greater public benefit than to ensure the health and safety of ALL residents. For these reasons, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS Council File 17-1092 IF AMENDED to include:

- 1) Free vaccines against highly preventable infectious diseases, such as Hepatitis A, B, influenza, etc. made available for people experiencing homelessness and for homeless service providers. Free or low-cost vaccines made available to food service workers, healthcare workers, childcare providers, sanitation workers, and other occupational groups with increased exposure to the public and/or pathogenic contaminants.
- 2) The development of permanent public restroom facilities with routine monitoring and maintenance. It is important to be able to deploy emergency portable public restrooms to impacted areas, but permanent facilities are desperately needed across the city and should also be considered a priority.