

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY MOTION

Given the overwhelming scale of homelessness in Los Angeles, it has become clear that neither government officials, the general public, nor the local business community can solve this problem on their own, and that a group effort is needed.

While ballot measures such as Proposition HHH and Measure H involve hundreds of millions of dollars and are designed to serve thousands of individuals, it has also become clear that no single intervention is too small or insignificant to help make a difference.

One such smaller scale opportunity to address homelessness throughout the City is the development of "safe parking." Since the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy's adoption two years ago, several Safe Parking Programs have recently been established, for example, HOPICS/South Los Angeles and Safe Parking LA sites. The potential to establish additional safe parking sites in partnership with the private community remains an untapped resource. As a City, we need to continue to find creative ways to spend limited resources as well as identify new resources not in our direct control.

When a private entity allows its property to be used for "safe parking" it may be appropriate to characterize this usage as an in-kind donation to either the City or potentially the non-profit safe parking organization that runs the Safe Parking Program. This usage is a gift that could potentially be tax deductible if properly qualified. This tax deduction could help incentivize private companies to allow "safe parking" and the City should take whatever actions it can to help facilitate the process, including assisting these entities to quantify the value of their gift. In addition, to provide incentives to private sector individuals and organizations throughout the City seeking to help make a difference, the City could provide financial assistance or in-kind services such as minor repairs and maintenance for owners of private parking lots who are willing to participate in a safe parking program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Office of Finance be instructed, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to: (1) review and identify state or federal tax breaks that may be available to participants of a Safe Parking Program; (2) report relative to City actions that could help facilitate such tax breaks; and (3) report on other possible incentives to owners of private parking lots that operate a Safe Parking Program, including, but not be limited to, the City providing security, small capital improvements, and city tax reductions.

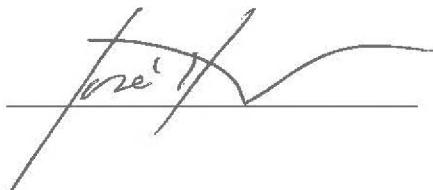
I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) be requested to ensure that clients served in the lots are selected through the Coordinated Entry System.

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