## **HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY**

## **MOTION**

According to the 2017 Homeless Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the City has experienced an increase in the homeless population relative to the year prior, with approximately 25,000 individuals who are unsheltered on any given night.

The City owns the site at 682 S. Vermont Avenue in Council District 10 that has approximately 24,600 square-feet of available space. It is a Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Surface Parking Lot that could serve the homeless in the area.

In order to best address the problem of homelessness in the City, and help homeless individuals make the transition to stable housing, homeless shelter bed capacity should be expanded Citywide. Therefore, staff should be instructed to evaluate the property and report on its feasibility as crisis and bridge housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate the City-owned LADOT Parking Lot located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue (Lot 691) to determine if the property is suitable for development as a crisis and bridge housing facility.

I FURTHER MOVE that if the property is determined to be suitable for development as crisis and bridge housing facility, the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funds for operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

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