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The number one crisis facing the City of Los Angeles today is homelessness. According to the 2018 Homeless Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the City of Los Angeles has approximately 23,114 individuals who are unsheltered on any given night, including a 26 percent increase in seniors experiencing homelessness between 2017 and 2018. Homelessness touches every part of Los Angeles. If we're going to end homelessness, we need to create solutions in every community.

Every community needs a different solution based on the homeless population located in their neighborhood. In Koreatown, the greatest need is to provide a temporary housing facility for individuals living on the street. In the southern and western portions of Council District 10, the greatest need is to provide Safe Parking programs for the individuals sleeping in their cars, campers, or RVs.

The "A Bridge Home" Emergency Temporary Housing program, launched by Mayor Eric Garcetti in April 2018 and approved by the City Council, provides a minimum of \$30 million to give homeless individuals living in the City of Los Angeles a refuge as quickly as possible, until they can be connected with a permanent home. In the months leading up to these new temporary housing facilities opening, the County of Los Angeles will direct unprecedented outreach, mental health, career, and addiction support services to encampments in close proximity to the new facilities to help prepare homeless individuals to move indoors. Once a temporary housing facility opens and the homeless move in, the Bureau of Sanitation will also work to restore spaces in the community that were previous encampment sites into safe, clean, public passageways with special dedicated funding.

For the last seven weeks, I have been having conversations with individuals and groups throughout the Koreatown region in an effort to move the City and the community forward together on this issue to help the homeless get off the streets and into housing. As part of the Koreatown solution, I am committed to creating a Council District 10 Commission on Koreatown Homelessness to oversee and provide recommendations to the Council Office with respect to the crisis and bridge housing facility in Koreatown throughout its development and operations. I am also committed to holding a review of different sites and community workshops/meetings/gatherings in Koreatown during the summer prior to the City Council taking final action on a temporary housing facility.

In order to best address the problem of homelessness in Council District 10 and help homeless individuals make the transition to stable housing, homeless temporary housing and safe parking programs should be created throughout the District based on need. Therefore, staff should be instructed to evaluate properties and report on its feasibility as crisis and bridge housing in Koreatown and a separate facility in Angelus Vista/Harvard Heights, as well as identify sites in the southern portion of Council District 10 for Safe Parking.



**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the matter of the Homelessness & Poverty Committee Report relative to the potential use of City-owned property located at 682 South Vermont Avenue (Lot 691) for development as a crisis and bridge housing facility, Item 59 on today's Council Agenda (C.F. 18-0392), BE AMENDED to ADOPT the following recommendations in lieu of the recommendations in the Report:



1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), LAHSA, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate sites which will include the City-owned LADOT parking lot located at 682 S. Vermont Avenue and the privately-owned lots at 923-937 S. Kenmore Avenue to determine if a property is suitable for development as a crisis and bridge housing facility in Koreatown; require the City staff to return with the findings; require a one year contract with two one year extensions (for a total of three years); require 24/7 private security and LAPD patrols of the site, including the surrounding businesses and residences; require the capability to provide culturally and language (i.e. Korean, Spanish, etc.) appropriate services for the site; and provide mental health, employment, addiction, housing placement services, and wellness resources.
  
2. INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of the CLA, BOE, LAHSA, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate the City-owned Council District 10 Office parking lot at 1819 S. Western Avenue to determine if the property is suitable for development as a second and separate crisis and bridge housing facility, which would include all of the same provisions as described above in Recommendation No. 1.
  
3. INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of the CLA, BOE, LAHSA, Safe Parking LA, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate lots in the southern portion of Council District 10, working with religious institutions and City Departments to determine if properties are suitable for Safe Parking programs.

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