

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. Results of the 2018 Homeless Count are due to be released soon and there is every expectation that they will show a further increase.

The property at 7951 Beverly Boulevard in Council District 5 that has approximately 10,580 square-feet of available space in the C2-1VL zone in a location designated Community Commercial in the Wilshire Community Plan area. The structure on the lot has housed various commercial activities since it was built in 1959, the most recent being a religious school for some 20 years. It currently is vacant and available for lease.

In order to best address the problem of homelessness in the City, and help homeless individuals make the transition to stable housing, supportive housing and homeless shelter bed capacity should be expanded Citywide. Specifically, capacity for either or both needs to be expanded in Council District 5 beyond what is currently available. Therefore, staff should be instructed to evaluate this property and report as soon as possible on its suitability as a site for use in the "A Bridge Home" shelter program, including determining its availability and affordability for the purpose, including consideration of Sections 12.03, 12.80, 12.81 and 91.8605 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and any other applicable statutes relating to emergency shelters.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and any other affected City stakeholders, to evaluate the property at 7951 Beverly Boulevard to determine if the property is suitable and could be available for use as emergency shelter as part of the "A Bridge Home" program; and

I FURTHER MOVE that if the property is determined to be suitable and available for this use, the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to coordinate with the appropriate City departments to coordinate with Council District 5 to identify the procedures and funding sources needed to proceed.

PRESENTED BY: _____

PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, Fifth District

SECONDED BY: _____

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