

STATUTORY EXEMPTION and HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap funding.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DETERMINE the Crisis and Bridge Housing facility located on 7253 Melrose Avenue, which allows for the lease of this property and use as a temporary shelter for those experiencing homelessness, is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as also reflected in CEQA Guideline Section 15269(c); Public Resources Code section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to City of Los Angeles emergency homeless shelters; and, because the project uses “Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funds,” it is exempt under Governor’s order N-32-20.
2. APPROVE the recommendations as found in the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated March 18, 2021, attached to the Council file, with the amendments as contained in the communication from the CAO dated March 25, 2021, attached to the Council file.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations as stated in said CAO report at this time. The recommendations as stated in said CAO will be funded with CARES Act, HEAP, and the County of Los Angeles service funding commitment in Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Fiscal Year 2021-22. The next funding report will outline the status of service funding for the term of Memorandum of the Understanding between the City and the County, and the outstanding City liability starting in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in said CAO report comply with the City Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment waived consideration of the above matter)**

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 25, 2021, your Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered a Statutory Exemption from the CEQA pursuant to Section 15269(c); and under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency; as set forth in the Notice of Exemption for Council District (CD) 14 Arroyo Seco Transitional Housing (Arroyo Drive and Avenue 60) on the easterly portion of APN No. 5492-021-900; CD 5 7253 Melrose Avenue Homeless Shelter; and, CD13 317 North Madison Safe Sleeping pilot; and, a CAO report relative to the fifth report regarding the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap funding recommendations, including substituting Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program funding with Coronavirus Relief Funding for eight previously approved interim housing sites. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the CAO’s recommendations as amended, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
DE LEÓN:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES

ME 3/25/21

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