

MOTION

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

There is a homelessness crisis in the state of California and in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are approximately 31,516 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles. There are approximately 23,000 unsheltered homeless individuals in the City.

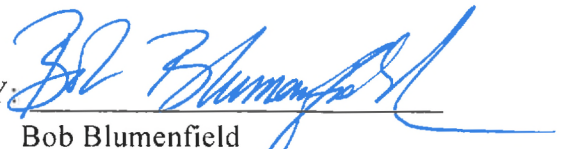
The property located at 7621 Canoga Avenue should be evaluated for the Crisis and Bridge Housing program. The site is privately owned and was formerly a mental health facility operated by Department of Mental Health. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl introduced a motion earlier this year to enter into a purchase option agreement with the owner.

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 work with the County to evaluate the property and report on its feasibility as crisis and bridge housing.

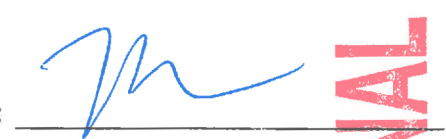
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and any other affected City stakeholders, to work with Los Angeles County to evaluate the property at 7621 Canoga Avenue 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 a crisis and bridge housing facility, the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with the Los Angeles County to identify funds for operations at the site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

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SECONDED BY:




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