

MOTION

There is a homelessness crisis 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 of which 2,240 are unsheltered and experiencing homelessness in Council District 9. To address this need, the City of Los Angeles has received \$85 million in direct allocation from the State of California through the statewide Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). The City Council adopted an \$85 million proposed budget for funding eligible activities. Consistent with Council action (C.F. 18-0628) any HEAP funding request will be reviewed by the Homeless Strategy Committee and submitted to Council for approval.

Council District 9 has the second highest number of homeless in the City of Los Angeles. Both sheltered and unsheltered populations in the district do not have access to washer and dryers for laundry. The path to employment for homeless individuals, among other things, requires clean clothing. Clean clothes and showers can mean the difference between being employed and unemployed.

Council District 9 is requesting \$75,000 of the HEAP funds to provide laundry services. The services will be provided to sheltered and unsheltered populations along with Transition Aged Youth and Veteran populations in Service Planning Area 6. Funds will be provided to Community Based Organizations to host laundry day events for the homeless once or twice per month. Additionally, Council District 9 is in discussions with Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS) to establish a program to provide homeless individuals vouchers to be able to do laundry any time they need.

To address the needs of the homeless in Council District 9 the Council should allocate HEAP funds to the activity described below:

- From the \$11.5 million Capital and Operating Support for Short Term Housing Interventions, Homeless Prevention, and Diversion Programs line item, allocate:
 - \$75,000 for a laundry services program(s) in Council District 9 to provide washer and dryer access to homeless individuals in Service Planning Area 6.


Approximately \$11.4 million remains available in this category, pending Council approval of outstanding requests.

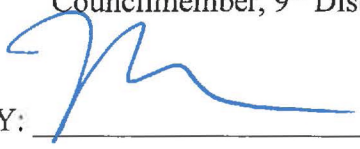
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC) for review the funding request for \$75,000 to utilize State Homeless Emergency Aid (HEAP) funds for laundry services in Council District 9, as further described in the text of this Motion;

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I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO to submit HSC's recommendation to Council relative to the use of HEAP funds for the funding requests stated above.

PRESENTED BY: 
CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 

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