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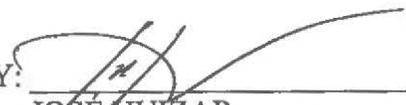
There is a homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are approximately 31,516 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles. In Skid Row, there are 2,149 sheltered and 2,145 unsheltered homeless individuals. One of the many needs of the unsheltered population is locating a storage facility to store their belongings. Providing voluntary storage is an essential service for homeless individuals who seek access to other social services and housing. Additionally, storage facilities are important in maintaining an accessible public-right-of-way in the streets.

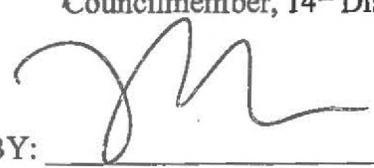
The Bin, located at 507 Towne Avenue, a storage facility managed by Chrysalis in Skid Row, is one of the few storage facilities in the City where the homeless population can store their belongings on a short term or long term basis. The Bin has approximately 1,400 sixty gallon bins that can be used for storage. The City's sublease with The Bin expires on May 31, 2019. In order to ensure maintenance of over 1,400 storage bins that serve a large population in Skid Row, it is imperative that the City explore alternatives to replace the facility in the event that the lease is not renewed.

Council District 14, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) are responding to the potential loss of The Bin in Skid Row. One possible replacement site for the storage facility is a warehouse located at 538 San Pedro Street. Initial review by the Bureau of Engineering and General Services Department indicates that the building is structurally sound, however, further evaluation of the building is necessary to identify possible improvements and is ongoing.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to begin negotiations to lease or purchase the site at 538 San Pedro Street to replace The Bin, should that lease not be renewed.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and the Los Angeles Homeless Authority to report on possible costs and funding options for the alternative location at 538 San Pedro Street.

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