

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY
MOTION

To combat homelessness, there needs to be a multi-pronged approach that includes economic development and job creation to prevent residents from falling into homelessness and the creation of housing for those that have fallen into homelessness. The creation of affordable and supportive housing in the West Valley is a critical response to the housing and homelessness crisis occurring in every corner of the City.

The largest City-owned sites that have been identified by the City Administrative Officer as housing opportunity sites in the district are in Reseda, a neighborhood in the midst of economic redevelopment. In order to alleviate existing community concerns regarding parking, my office worked with the Department of Transportation and an outside consultant to conduct a parking study to analyze the availability of parking for the retail areas and neighboring residential areas. Now that the Reseda Parking Utilization Study has been completed, the possibility of using city-owned property in Reseda can move forward.

The City's Asset Evaluation Framework is intended to help advance the City's economic development and housing efforts by establishing a uniform procedure to evaluate and designate City-owned properties for economic development, housing opportunities and/or other City purposes, as well as to identify higher and better uses for such properties in order to maximize the value of City assets and to address priority concerns such as job creation and housing affordability (C.F. 12-1549-S3).

To further the City's efforts to identify properties for housing, two City-owned Department of Transportation parking lots located at 7246 Baird Avenue (Lot 712) and 7222 Baird Avenue (Lot 624) in Council District 3, have been identified, which may be suitable for affordable and/or supportive housing development. An additional three City-owned Department of Transportation parking lots located at 7120 Baird Avenue (Lot 621), 7131 Canby Avenue (Lot 622), and 7130 Darby Avenue (Lot 640), have been identified, which may be appropriate for replacement parking. Staff should be requested to evaluate these lots and determine the feasibility of developing these sites.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council direct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Department of General Services, the Department of Transportation, and any other affected stakeholders, to initiate a review of the City-owned properties located at 7246 Baird Avenue and 7222 Baird Avenue to determine the suitability for development as affordable and/or supportive housing; and the City-owned properties located at 7120 Baird Avenue, 7131 Canby Avenue, and 7130 Darby Avenue, to determine the feasibility for replacement parking, in conformance with the procedure set forth for the City's Asset Evaluation Framework.

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