

MOTION

There is a growing family homelessness crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2019 Point-in-time Homeless Count (PIT), on a given night there are approximately 36,300 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles with 5,482 in family units. While the City saw a 16 percent increase in homelessness overall in the 2019 PIT count, homeless families increased by 7 percent for a total of 5,842. Council District 6 has 522 individuals in family units who are experiencing homelessness in their district.

Families experiencing homelessness in Council District 6 are currently being provided interim housing at local motels. While this well-intended approach may provide temporary shelter, the conditions of motel living are not appropriate for raising a family. Moreover, long-term motel dwelling is not conducive for supporting the emotional, educational, and development needs of children, exacerbating their trauma rather than helping.

Los Angeles Family Housing (LAFH) is the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Regional Lead for Service Planning Area (SPA) 2, serving the San Fernando Valley. Recognizing the need to get families into permanent housing, LAFH has a proposal to eliminate the use of motels as bridge housing for families and instead provide quality interim and permanent housing called "It Takes a Village". Council adopted a Motion (Martinez – O'Farrell) on May 23, 2019 (C.F.: 19-0411) which instructs the City Administrative Officer to review this proposal. Council District 6 has been working with LAFH and is proposing that funds be identified to place families into Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) units instead of motels. The proposal would serve approximately 350 families.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to review LA Family Housing's (LAFH) funding request for approximately \$4,000,000 for Rapid Re-Housing to assist families experiencing homelessness in Council District 6 from the City's allocation of State's Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP) funding and submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC); and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO to submit HSC's recommendation to Council relative to the use of the City's allocation of HHAPP Grant to LAFH for Rapid Re-Housing in Council District 6.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

Mr. O'Farrell

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