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The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority recently released the results of the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Over the last year, the City of Los Angeles has seen a 16 percent increase in homelessness.

In most of the City of Los Angeles, there is a lack of space for the City's homeless residents to safely store their belongings during the day. The lack of voluntary storage for the City's homeless residents creates significant barriers for individuals who are seeking access to social services and housing, while at the same time creating significant public safety issues related to sidewalk access.

The City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS), as adopted by the City Council on February 9, 2016, states until additional homeless housing supply can meet demand, additional homeless storage facilities are needed throughout the City to supplement the current limited capacity.

Current efforts to locate storage facilities has been challenging for City and LAHSA staff due to the number and scale of storage bins needed. However, there may be an opportunity to identify micro-storage access locations throughout the City by partnering with non-profit agencies that have experience working with at-risk populations and often have case managers already on set.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, and request the assistance of LAHSA and the Office of the Mayor, to report on the feasibility of entering into public-private partnerships with interested non-profit agencies for management of distributed micro-storage services, including any potential costs and available funding sources for such a program and the ability to enter into a pilot program to precede a wider program rollout.

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