

MOTION

To significantly reduce the number of people living and dying on the streets of Los Angeles, it is imperative that City encourage quick, nimble and cost-effective programs to move people out of encampments and into housing. It is unacceptable to ask unhoused and housed Angelenos to wait years to see significant progress in reducing homelessness.

The Mayor's A Bridge Home program is designed to provide an alternative to encampments, a "bridge" between street homelessness and long-term housing. Bridge housing in Los Angeles will be most successful when people move quickly through bridge housing facilities and into long-term housing, freeing up beds in bridge housing and allowing more people to move off the street.

Among the many bridge housing projects being built is a 154-bed facility in Venice, to be operated by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) and Safe Place for Youth (SPY). For a 154-bed facility to be successful in a community will more than 1000 homeless residents, it is imperative that it serve and place into long-term housing several hundred people per year. To do so, shared housing will be a crucial resource.

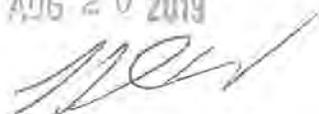
Shared housing is a standard housing option used by LAHSA-contracted service providers in which two or more individuals share a housing unit. This method often uses existing housing for a Housing First, low-barrier, harm reduction, crisis response that provides limited-term rental subsidies and supportive services for those experiencing homelessness to return to housing as quickly as possible. Shared housing has been successful for years. For example, the Culver-City based SHARE! the Self-Help And Recovery Exchange (SHARE!), has been getting people off the streets quickly since 2005, and has demonstrated tremendous success with a city-funded pilot program in Venice. SHARE has estimated that with funding of \$1,000,000, it could place 100 residents Venice's bridge housing into long-term shared housing.

This year, as part of the State's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Budget, the State set aside \$650 million in one-time funding for the construction and expansion of emergency shelters and navigation centers, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, job programs, and for innovative projects like hotel/motel conversions. The Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP) will make available \$275 million to large cities, with a significant portion going to Los Angeles.

In anticipation of these FY 2019-20 State funds, and consistent with the City Council's HEAP program (CF 18-0628), State funding requests are to be reviewed by the Homeless Strategy Committee and submitted to Council for approval. Funds should be set aside from the State's FY 2019--20 Homeless Budget allocation to the City to provide for shared housing placements for individuals at the Venice Bridge Home.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC) for review a funding request totaling \$1,000,000 for shared housing placement services for Venice Bridge Home clients.

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