

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment of a Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin - Harris-Dawson):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of other departments of agencies as appropriate, to make recommendations to the City Council on the most effective way to establish a Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness, composed entirely of people who are currently, or have been in the recent past, homeless in Los Angeles. The recommendations should include the following considerations:
  - a. The size of the commission, length of terms of service, and the appointing authority.
  - b. Potential changes to ordinances, administrative code, and/or City Council rules to form the commission, and to insure that it can have reports heard and considered by the City, and that its members can be granted time to speak on legislative and budgetary matters impacting homelessness.
  - c. Requirements to represent different segments of the diverse homeless population in Los Angeles, including people with different levels of acuity, length of time homeless, experience with economic hardship, substance abuse, domestic violence, or mental or physical disability, and other factors.
  - d. Requirements to be reflective of the demographics of the city's homeless population, accounting for the dramatic over-representation of African-Americans in our homelessness population, and including proper representation for seniors, veterans, women, immigrants, youth, and transgender communities, among others.
  - e. Appropriate funding and resources, including dedicated staff time, training, access to materials and technological resources, and stipends or honoraria for service.
2. DIRECT the CLA, in crafting the recommendations, to consult with people who are or have been homeless in Los Angeles, with people who have served on Lived Experience advisory commissions in Austin, Texas, and Vancouver, Canada, and other jurisdictions, and with resources outlining best practices in forming advisory committees of lived experience.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer and CLA has submitted a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Submitted.

For:  
Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

Summary:

At its special meeting held on June 29, 2020, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered Motion (Bonin - Harris-Dawson) relative to the establishment of a Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness. The report attached to the Council file, includes some background on the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
BONIN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
RYU:	YES
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