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The 2019 Point-In-Time Count of homeless individuals identified almost 3,000 homeless people in Council District 13, including over 900 chronically homeless persons. To address this issue, the District has supported numerous interventions to provide housing and services to the homeless community, including the development of multiple A Bridge Home program sites, and Proposition HHH permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects.

Currently, Clinica Romero, located at 123 S. Alvarado in Council District 13 is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides affordable health care services that target underserved communities in Los Angeles, including homeless individuals. Clinica Romero has provided comprehensive health care for homeless individuals for over 10 years and served a total of 1,307 homeless patients in 2018 alone (11% of their total patient population). Clinica Romero has expressed interest in developing PSH on-site, and, specifically, the clinic is amenable to constructing the PSH above its current building. If PSH is built, the clinic would be strategically located to provide supportive services to the building's residents.

Given the magnitude of the homelessness and housing affordability crisis in the City, it is imperative that every site be explored for the potential development of homeless housing. Additionally, if the site is selected, staff should also determine what steps are needed to ensure that the clinic remains open during construction, if possible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and Bureau of Engineering be instructed to evaluate the Clinica Romero site located at 123 S. Alvarado in Council District 13 to determine the feasibility of constructing permanent supportive housing above the clinic's current structure.

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