

MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

On August 26, 2019, Council approved a Homelessness and Poverty Committee report relative to State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding recommendations. One of these recommendations was to approve \$1.6M in HEAP funds designated solely for Skid Row to provide capital costs for the Salvation Army to expand emergency housing for families at its Zahn Center located in downtown Los Angeles. Council District 14, the Council, and the Mayor have prioritized efforts to provide housing for homeless families such as this, but unfortunately this project is no longer viable and therefore these funds should be reprogrammed immediately to ensure that these emergency funds designated for Skid Row are expended as quickly as possible.

Given the need to assist homeless residents forced to live on downtown streets, \$1.9M is currently needed to expand storage capacity in Skid Row to approximately 3,000 bins. These funds would be provided to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to extend the lease at the Bin homeless storage center at 540 Towne Avenue, purchase 1,000 new bins for that site, and contract with Chrysalis to expand their operation of homeless storage services to a new site on San Pedro Street.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

- 1) Reprogram \$1.6M in State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds from the Salvation Army / Zahn Center line item to the expansion and operations of homeless storage in Skid Row at 538 San Pedro Street; and
- 2) Allocate \$366,570 from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program - Activity Category 2 – Capital and Operating Support - Skid Row line item to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the extension of the lease at the Bin homeless storage center located at 540 Towne Avenue and to purchase 1,000 new bins;

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing and Community Investment Department be authorized to amend the Homeless Emergency Aid Program contract C-133135 with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority as follows:

- 1) Delete the \$1.6M line item for the Salvation Army / Zahn Center;
- 2) Expand homeless storage in Skid Row, including at 538 San Pedro St. for \$1.6M;
- 3) Extend the lease and purchase 1,000 new bins for the Bin homeless storage center located at 540 Towne Avenue in the amount of \$366,570; (lease extension \$326,570 and bin purchase \$40,000) and
- 4) Make any additional contract changes to effectuate the intent of this action;

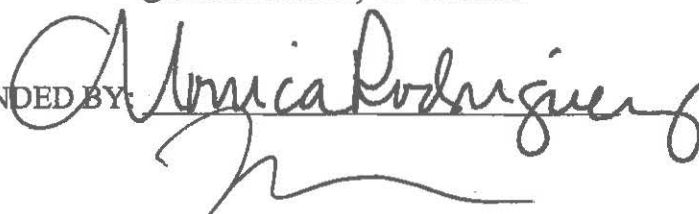
I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority be authorized to negotiate the extension of the lease for the Bin located at 507 Towne Avenue from December 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer prepare Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Council's and Mayor's intent in this matter, and, Authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:


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