

MOTION

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul established the Los Angeles Infirmary in 1856, making it Los Angeles' first hospital. In 1918 the name was changed to St. Vincent's Hospital. Since its founding over 160 years ago, St. Vincent grew to become a 366-bed facility, with over 1,300 staff, nearly 500 physicians and became a world renowned medical provider to the underserved and poor.

In 2015, St. Vincent Medical Center became part of Verity Healthcare, a non-profit that operates six other hospitals in California. The rapidly changing healthcare industry, bond and pension debt obligations and other factors brought Verity Healthcare to bankruptcy in 2018. Sadly, it is likely the closure of the hospital will happen within the month. The negative impacts of this will be felt by many.

Though the hospital may not operate for much longer the buildings will remain. To preserve the Daughters of Charity's core mission of providing care for vulnerable individuals that began in 1856, the buildings could possibly be repurposed to address the homeless housing crisis and the lack of mental health services. Repurposing the facilities could greatly reduce the cost per unit and take advantage of existing infrastructure that is time consuming and costly to build.

On January 10th, 2020 Governor Newsom's proposed budget was made available for comment, focusing on board and care facilities and placing an emphasis on activating state owned properties for immediate shelter. The City should continue this work and look to see where board and care or other wrap around services could be placed.

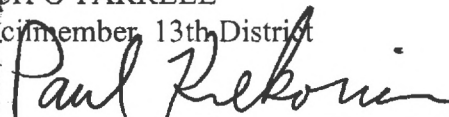
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst, and with the assistance of the Housing Authority of Los Angeles, the Housing Community and Investment Department, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Building & Safety and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, to explore the feasibility of purchasing and repurposing the facility, located at 2131 W. 3rd Street, for wrap around services including substance abuse assistance, rehabilitation services and interim/permanent housing on site.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to begin discussions with Los Angeles County on service delivery to this site as outlined in this motion

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