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According to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Point-In-Time Count in 2019, there are approximately 36,165 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles, of which 2,953 are in Council District 13.

In the community of Echo Park, a pilot program to offer safe parking at Edendale Branch Library is about to launch. The Mobile Pit Stop Program, which provides restroom facilities to maintain hygiene and keep our streets healthy, has been met with great success. And, my office has been partnering with a local business to offer free laundry services and provide access to clean clothes and bedding for people experiencing homelessness.

A permanent supportive housing project is being planned, which will accommodate up to 100 affordable units and offer supportive services, as well as provide recreational space for local youth. The City is also in the process of amending the municipal code to temporarily allow 24 hour public access to Echo Park restrooms for a six-month period.

The ability to store belongings in a safe place is an essential service for unsheltered individuals who seek access to social services and housing. Due to the increase of the unsheltered homelessness in the area, there is a need for storage near Echo Park Lake. Therefore, staff should be instructed to evaluate City properties in the area that may be feasible for a storage facility.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of relevant City departments, to evaluate the feasibility of utilizing the Department of Transportation Lot #676 at 1146 Glendale Boulevard in Echo Park for a storage facility and report on potential capacity, security needs, and hours of operation; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst to identify funds, including capital and operational funding, for a storage facility at the site, including, but not limited to State Homeless Housing, Prevention, and Assistance Grant.

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