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MOTION

The City has declared a shelter crisis in Los Angeles to help address the needs of more than 36,000 homeless City residents, of which more than 27,000 are unsheltered and forced to live on the streets. Along with the crisis declaration, the Council and Mayor established the A Bridge Home (ABH) program to develop temporary shelters across the City. While the goal is to find permanent housing for all homeless residents, ABH sites are designed to be "no-barrier" shelters that provide a wide range of critical services that address the immediate needs of homeless individuals and families, including case management, housing navigation, mental health services, and life skills.

The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has only made this crisis of homelessness all the more dire. The City must take additional action to provide shelter and housing for persons experiencing homelessness. A wide range of options may be available, such as tiny homes, trailers, and container homes, that could be rapidly put into place to provide the shelter and housing needed. The City should be identifying locations to place this housing, such as closed mega-stores and large vacant parcels.

Further, increased efforts should be made to expedite construction of the remaining ABH sites to ensure that they are open and available to provide shelter immediately.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council determine, as provided in Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), and pursuant to Rule 23 of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter and that the need for action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and City Administrative Officer to report with actions necessary to acquire and site tiny homes, trailers, container homes, or other alternative housing and shelter options to ensure that persons experiencing homelessness will have shelter or housing; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, City Administrative Officer, and all other affected departments identify actions necessary to expedite the completion of all remaining A Bridge Home sites.

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