

MOTION

Last week the City announced that free Coronavirus testing will be made available to all City residents. In making this announcement, the City became the first major City to make testing available on this large a scale. The Mayor said that no one should have to wait, wonder, or risk infecting others. No one's health should be left to chance.

Eight testing locations have been set-up throughout the City, and these tests are being administered in partnership with the County and Community Organized Relief Effort, a nonprofit emergency response organization. From late March to the end of April, this partnership completed testing of approximately 140,000 individuals.

Despite the City's efforts to set-up testing facilities, access to these sites may still be difficult and unsafe for homeless individuals who are vulnerable, or at-risk of infection to Coronavirus. For these at-risk residents, navigating the transportation system could be difficult and potentially dangerous by exposing them to the disease.

Given that the City has already acted to make sure vulnerable, at-risk residents such as those living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities receive free testing at those locations, the City should also ensure that vulnerable, at-risk individuals residing in City homeless shelters should also be provided free Coronavirus testing on site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Mayor's Office and instruct the City's Homeless Coordinator, with assistance from relevant City Departments and the County of Los Angeles, to take the steps necessary to ensure that free Coronavirus testing is provided on site at all City permanent and temporary homeless shelters as soon as possible, so that all vulnerable and at-risk homeless individuals are not unnecessarily exposed to the disease by having to travel to testing sites, and request the Mayor's Office and instruct the Homeless Coordinator to report to Council if testing is not made available at these sites.

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