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Summary: We, the Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles (WCKNC) SUPPORT Council File 20-0643, a Motion (Ryu – Blumenfield) instructing the Housing and Community Investment Department to report on the feasibility of implementing a scattered-site homeless housing program to utilize underused or unused privately-owned single family and multi-family residences throughout the City, and any sources of funding to support the proposed program. Homelessness continues to be a defining issue within Los Angeles. As reported by the annual count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the number of homeless individuals is increasing. This is an assessment that was made prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic slowdown. It is time to treat this trend as the emergency it has been for more than 20 years. The scale of the homelessness issue is reflective of the lack of urgency and the proposal for a scattered site homeless housing program is an important step in addressing the past unwillingness to consider private options for housing the homeless. It is time to fight more aggressively to house those on the streets. A scattered site program would maximize usage of underutilized property throughout the City. This would also address concerns over vacant rental units and may serve as an incentive to curb alleged speculation in rental housing projects. The program is likely to be successful in housing those who may not need supportive services and are simply in urgent need of housing. A well-funded, deliberate program may help reverse the historic mistakes of disinvestment in low-income and public housing.