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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary:

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Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring St.
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RE: COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (CF 20-0769-S2) COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY / UNSHELTERED RESIDENTS / LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY / LOS ANGELES CITY HEALTH COMMISSION

On November 10, 2020, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held with a quorum of 13 board members present and that by a vote of 12 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstentions, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) adopted the following Community Impact Statement concerning [CF 20-0769-S2](#)

This Motion (CF 20-0769-S2) requests that the CLA and CAO provide reports with recommendations regarding the efficacy of the LA County health services and mental health services systems. Also the Motion is asking that the LA City Health Commission hold hearings focused on services meant and provided for people experiencing homelessness.

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports this Motion and proposes the following recommendations:

- 1) Given the unprecedented nature of the COVID crisis, and the urgency of the existing and worsening homelessness crisis, the reports that this motion requests from County Public, Mental Health and service providers should proceed on an expedited timeline and should establish measurable, time-sensitive goals to include the needs and perspectives of people experiencing homelessness.
- 2) The city should work to establish a city-wide network of easy-to-implement physical and mental health access points such as safe camping sites, cooling centers, safe breathing/smoke relief centers, and 24/7 mental health emergency rooms, for example by repurposing currently unused public facilities like libraries, parking lots and recreation centers.

- 3) Monitor and evaluate any racial and gender disparities in LA County homeless health services, mental health services and LAPD / Sheriff policing response. Collaborate with LAHSA's Director of Equity in ensuring equitable services are provided.
- 4) Request that the LA City Health Commission provide data about the numbers of people experiencing homelessness who need medical and mental health care in the City of Los Angeles, and the length of time those individuals experiencing homelessness have been living on the streets of Los Angeles. Acuity levels of these individuals rise the longer they are living without shelter. Immediate solutions are needed to provide care for these individuals.
- 5) Report the number of people experiencing homelessness with severe mental illness who are arrested and jailed with limited/no access to mental health treatments. Such individuals are better served by effective health care instead of incarceration.
- 6) Establish clear communication with the public regarding how the County Public and Mental Health agencies are addressing these issues and how concerned community members can help unhoused neighbors experiencing a physical/mental health crisis. Presently residents are referred from one agency to another with very little information about process and solutions, and people experiencing homelessness are left to languish on the streets with severe physical and mental health challenges.

Thank you for your consideration,



Jesse Saucedo, President
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC)