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Summary: The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports City Controller Ron Galperin's report, "Meeting the Moment; An Action Plan to Advance Prop. HHH," recommending that the City use the remaining Measure HHH funds to pursue alternative forms of housing.

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**RE: COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (CF 20-1145) ADVANCE PROPOSITION
HHH / HOMELESSNESS CRISIS REDUCTION / SHORT TERM HOUSING
STRATEGY**

On January 5, 2021, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held with a quorum of 14 board members present and that by a vote of 14 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstentions, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) unanimously adopted the following Community Impact Statement concerning [CF 20-1145](#).

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports City Controller Ron Galperin's report, "Meeting the Moment; An Action Plan to Advance Prop. HHH," recommending that the City use the remaining Measure HHH funds to pursue alternative forms of housing. The report suggests that this could be done through acquisition of existing buildings, such as hotels / motels, and unused commercial and office space for adaptive reuse as a quicker and more cost effective approach to house the homeless while the more long-term projects are currently being built under Measure HHH.

The Controller's report emphasizes urgency and clarity of purpose. It recommends that the City should reconsider the plan to use the remaining HHH funds (approximately \$30 million) and any potential funds returned from unsuccessful projects (\$9 million per project) to re-start the development process and solicit proposals for new supportive housing projects- which are unlikely to be completed until 2025 or later.

The report recommends that the City should not exclusively pursue an approach that frequently costs more than \$600,000 per unit and takes up to six years to complete when there are over 41,000 unsheltered Angelenos and an average of three lives lost every day in LA County. The report suggests instead that the City formulate alternative approaches that will result in more immediate housing while completing the HHH-funded projects already underway.

The City Controller's report offers the following recommendations:

Focus on interim housing and facilities - Interim housing along with available and accessible facilities are critical to helping get vulnerable people off the streets and help them meet their basic health, hygiene, sanitation, and storage needs. Unfortunately, neither of these have been prioritized or funded at a scale that matches the needs of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. The City should consider using HHH funds to supplement its emerging effort to increase the supply of interim housing solutions.

Prioritize acquisition, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse opportunities - Different approaches - such as acquisition, rehabilitation, or adaptive reuse of existing buildings funded by Proposition HHH bond proceeds - may minimize the impact of issues such as land use challenges, the cost of new construction, and systemic issues related to project financing, as well as help reduce costs and timelines, potentially adding units at a faster rate than the current pace which is 228 units in nearly four years.

Funding currently available through Project Home key is an opportunity for the City to acquire hotels / motels and other existing buildings that can be converted into interim shelters or supportive housing at an estimated cost of \$320,000 per unit. Although the retrofits needed to make these buildings suitable for supportive housing, along with ADA compliance requirements, will add time and money, the locations can be temporarily used as interim housing to mitigate risks associated with COVID-19 transmission in congregant settings.

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council recommends the City take the following immediate steps to provide shelter and services while alternative housing structures are being built:

- Mobilize trailers and tent structure sites with access to showers, bathrooms, sanitation, safe parking with security and case managers;
- Erect pre-fab building structures for temporary housing on city-owned land;
- Provide longer stays at interim housing and relax curfew requirements for residents;
- Provide hotel / motel vouchers more liberally while unhoused families and individuals are waiting for more permanent housing;
- Utilize master-leasing options to pair eligible unhoused residents with apartments.

Thank you for your consideration,



Jesse Saucedo, President
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC)