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Despite significant actions taken by the City and County in recent years, including helping to pass the \$1.2B Proposition HHH homeless housing bond, and the Measure H Sales Tax to fund homeless services, homelessness has continued to rise in the City and County. The 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point-in-Time Count showed that the City experienced a 16 percent increase in its homeless population from 2019, to a new total of more than 41,000 individuals.

Since the 2020 Homeless Count was conducted in January, substantial efforts have been taken to protect persons experiencing homelessness from the Coronavirus, however many of these efforts involve providing temporary housing in hotel rooms through the State's Project Roomkey program. The process to responsibly dismantle Project Roomkey has now begun, and the City, County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority are partnering to implement the Homeless Roadmap Recovery Program (CF# 20-0687) to identify the necessary interventions to more permanently house individuals.

It is imperative that the City continues to do all it can to help develop housing - from temporary to permanent- for our homeless residents. The Hollywood Recreation Center facility at 1122 Cole Avenue may be a location to explore interim housing. Given that Council District 13 experienced more than a 20 percent increase in homelessness in 2020, staff should be instructed to determine the feasibility of utilizing this site as temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness in Council District 13.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Bureau of Engineering, with assistance from the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to evaluate the feasibility of using the Hollywood Recreation Center facility at 1122 Cole Avenue as interim housing for persons experiencing homelessness in Council District 13.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation & Park Commissioners be requested to hear this matter within 30 days for consideration of approval of the usage of the Hollywood Recreation Center for temporary interim housing for people experiencing homelessness.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority be requested to work with staff from Council District 13 and the CAO to identify a service provider and execute a service agreement for the operation of this site as an interim housing facility.

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