

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Street Engagement Strategy.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in coordination with the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to ensure that the pending CLA report back to Council file Nos. 21-0329 (Krekorian, et al. - Ridley-Thomas) and 21-0031 (Bonin, et al. - De León) aligns with the Street Engagement Strategy.
2. APPROVE the proposed Street Engagement Strategy as a pilot, through January 31, 2022, to implement Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18, c.1-4, and d, if encampments are present at a proposed designated use site.
3. DIRECT the CAO and CLA, in coordination with multi-disciplinary teams staffed by homeless service provider non-profits, the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), the Bureau of Sanitation, and appropriate Department of Health, Mental and Public Health representatives, to convene a working group to assess, select and triage one pilot location in each Council District to implement the Street Engagement Strategy and report back to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee in February 2022 on the results and lessons learned.
4. DIRECT the CAO to work with Council Offices to fund Homelessness Roadmap projects, to ensure there are adequate resources to aid the unhoused individuals engaged through the street engagement process into suitable interim and permanent housing.
5. REQUEST that, as part of the coordinated outreach system, the LAHSA use the 17 City-funded Homeless Engagement Teams (HETs) for this effort to collaborate on the implementation of the Street Engagement Strategy, in partnership with Council Offices, the Service Program Area (SPA) leads, and the County of Los Angeles MultiDisciplinary Teams.
6. APPROVE the transfer of the \$4,224,465 from the Unappropriated Balance (UB), Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 580325 Homeless Engagement Teams to the General City Purposes, Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000826 Homeless Shelter Program, and appropriate therefrom to the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) Fund No. 10A/43, Account No. 43V686 HETs to fund the remaining nine months of the LAHSA's 13 HETs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22.
7. INSTRUCT the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to amend the City's 2021-22 General Fund Contract with the LAHSA to add \$4,224,465 for salaries and expenses for nine months for the 13 LAHSA's HETS through June 30, 2022, and to further amend the

City's 2021 General Fund Contract to include the following reporting requirements and deliverables:

- a. For all "Street to Home" engagements to implement LAMC Section 41.18 LAHSA must submit the Encampment Assessment Form (Attachment 2) of the subject CAO report, dated July 28, 2021, attached to the Council file, and provide the following:
 - i. Weekly reports during the assessment period.
 - ii. Bi-weekly reports during the engagement period.
 - iii. The weekly and biweekly reports will include, services offered, housing interventions needed, placements to date.
 - iv. An after-action report two weeks after final clean-up outlining the final date on housing placement (interim and permanent), services provided, best practices that proved effective and lessons learned.
 - b. If enforcement of 41.18 is required to remove a person from the site, LAHSA shall provide an offer of suitable housing/shelter immediately prior to any enforcement activity taking place and shall document that offer. This documentation must include the person's name, the housing option offered, the date and location the offer was made, and the name and contact information of the person making the offer. LAHSA will maintain this documentation and provide it to the City Attorney as needed for enforcement purposes and/or legal proceedings.
 - c. Collect interim and permanent housing retention rates for all placements.
 - d. In addition, for non-LAMC 41.18 outreach, LAHSA should provide:
 - i. Monthly outreach reports that include, persons contacted, people served, interim and permanent housing placements.
 - ii. The reports outlined in 4a i - 4a iv, and 4d i above should be provided to the LAHD with a copy to the CAO Outreach Coordinator.
8. AMEND the subject CAO report dated July 28,2021, attached to the Council file, as follows:
- a. In Attachment 1, titled "PROPOSED City of Los Angeles Street Engagement Strategy Procedures" under the "Responsible Party/Entity/Comments" column, Steps 1-7, insert "in coordination with Council Office," in determining the lead for

the “Street to Home” engagement.

- b. Replace the terms “concentrated engagement” with “Street to Home” engagement as follows: On Page 1, paragraph 3; Page 2, recommendation 2; Page 3, paragraph 3; Page 3, Table; Page 6, paragraph 4; Attachment 1, Step 1; and Page 2, Attachment 1, “Note”, in the CAO report, dated July 28, 2021.
 - c. Delete the recommendation that a motion must be introduced for both “Street to Home” engagements and the implementation of LAMC Section 41.18 c-d, and replace with an introduction of a resolution -- only for the implementation of 41.18 on Page 3, Table (and remove the following language from the table “Yes with Motion” next to “Concentrated Engagement”); Page 6, Paragraph 4; Attachment 1, Step 1; and Page 2, Attachment 1, “Note”, in the CAO report, dated July 28, 2021.
9. AMEND the CAO report dated July 28, 2021, under the heading titled “Strategy Procedures”, “No 6. Resolution and Posting” on page 8, to include the following:
- a. The resolution should:
 - i. Include findings related to the proposed designation as outlined in LAMC Section 41.18, c.1-4.
 - ii. If the proposed site is encamped, the resolution should be approved pending the completion of a “Street to Home” engagement.
 - b. Replace the bullet points in “No. 7 Compliance” (LAMC Section 41.18, c 1-4 and d) on Page 8 of the subject CAO report with the following:
 - i. During the 14-day period after the signage has been posted, outreach teams will continue to conduct outreach to anyone remaining on the site.
 - ii. If enforcement of 41.18 is required to remove a person from the site, the LAHSA shall provide an offer of suitable housing/shelter immediately prior to any enforcement-activity taking place and shall document that offer. This documentation must include the person's name, the housing option offered, the date and location the offer was made, and the name and contact information of the person making the offer. The LAHSA will maintain this documentation and provide it to the City Attorney as needed for enforcement purposes and/or legal proceedings.
10. DIRECT the CAO to report within 60 days on recommendations on alternative models to support voluntary compliance of LAMC Section 41.18, c.1-4 and to report back by

February 2022 on:

- a. Additional resources needed for the street engagement strategy.
- b. Funding and/or reimbursement to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for the cost of signage and posting to implement LAMC Section 41.18, c-d.
- c. Need for an additional data system to report outcomes and accomplishments.
- d. Assessment of the outreach engagement strategy, include both interim housing placements and permanent housing placements and retention rates.
- e. Whether the City should issue a Request for Proposals for outreach services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations in the subject CAO report, dated July 28, 2021. The remaining nine months of funding for the LAHSA HETs was included in the UB of the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in the subject CAO report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

Against: Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council

Against unless Amended: West Adams Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY:

At a regular meeting held on August 12, 2021, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered a CAO report relative to the Street Engagement Strategy in response to Motion (Krekorian, et al. - Price), approved on June 29, 2021. During the discussion CAO staff guided Committee members through a presentation which detailed the content of the CAO report and offered additional amendments to various sections of the report as well as recommendations contained in the report. In addition, key subject-matter experts from various organizations were invited to provide their input and share experiences in their outreach approach and strategies in assisting the homeless population. The Committee Chair provided the members with additional amendments for consideration. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee adopted the CAO report as amended. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
DE LEÓN:	YES
BUSCAINO:	NO
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
RAMAN:	YES

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