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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0T)

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Summary: The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the 1 December 2020 motion by CMs De Leon and Martinez to evaluate the feasibility of leasing/purchasing Caltrans-owned properties along the defunct I-710 extension; to negotiate leases for vacant units; to house Angelenos therein within 15 days of certifying habitability (prioritizing El Sereno residents); and to perform community outreach to find their best long term uses outside of housing.

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To: City Council and Committees

Re: CF 20-1552: Caltrans Parcels / 710 North Freeway Extension Project / El Sereno / Tenant Housing / Unhoused

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Over 560 people in CHNC’s borders are unhoused---1 out of every 30 CHNC residents.¹ We have affirmed that a state of emergency exists with respect to homelessness.² We are therefore committed to using all available tools to bring every Angeleno inside. This includes converting suitable State-owned assets to housing.

According to the 2020 LAHSA count, El Sereno is home to 228 unhoused people, 100% of whom are unsheltered.³ It has also seen a 103% rise in homelessness compared to 2019---an exceptional and tragic figure. Fortunately, these Caltrans-owned properties provide an equally exceptional opportunity to reverse this trend. According to an [LA Times report](#), at least 120 vacant units are available to rapidly house at least half of El Sereno’s homeless population; perhaps all if joint accomodation is possible. These assets cannot remain idle.

The City of LA and State of California are committed to ending homelessness by word and by deed. There is no excuse for them to be in each other’s way in accomplishing that goal. These properties should be transferred and be made habitable as soon as possible so we can do just that in El Sereno.

APPROVED
28 December 2020
6 Yea
0 Nay
0 Abstain
0 Recuse
2 Absent

¹ See tracts 1901.00, 1907.00, 1908.02, 1908.01, 1918.10, 1918.20, and 1919.01 at <https://www.lahsa.org/data?id=45-2020-homeless-count-by-community-city>.

² https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0002-S172_CIS_12112019123941_12-11-2019.pdf.

³ <https://www.lahsa.org/data?id=45-2020-homeless-count-by-community-city>