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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 12/17/2020

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 02/06/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1552

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council fully supports the proposed motion for the City of Los Angeles to enter into negotiations with CalTrans to purchase vacant properties that it owns in the El Sereno neighborhood for housing local residents, with priority given to unhoused families.

**EPNC COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT INFORMATION**  
**Submitted by the Homelessness & Housing Committee**

**In support** of the motion to “house tenants in each unit no later than fifteen days after they are deemed habitable with priority given to El Sereno unhoused residents in vacant properties currently owned by CalTrans.”

**Council File No. 20-1552**

**Addressees: not applicable**

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**Additional Credit/Signatory** (in addition to Secretary): Lauren Buisson, primary drafter of document.

**Deadline, if any, when action may be taken on item** (e.g. City Council, Council Committee or Commission hearing, Planning Dept hearing, etc): **not applicable**

**Committee Vote Count** (Yes, No, Abstain):

**Text of CIS:** The Echo Park Neighborhood Council fully supports the proposed motion for the City of Los Angeles to enter into negotiations with CalTrans to purchase vacant properties that it owns in the El Sereno neighborhood for housing local residents, with priority given to unhoused families. We further support the allocation of City departments and resources to make all properties habitable. In so doing,

the City will be housing needy families, repurposing existing structures for affordable housing thus saving the cost of new construction, and establishing a model for future collaborative projects. The explosion in the number of our Echo Park neighbors forced to shelter in flimsy tents, or in their vehicles, is an urgent reminder of the critical need for government officials to seize upon every opportunity for cross-jurisdictional government cooperation to solve this growing humanitarian and public health crisis. With an average of four unhoused persons dying on the street, Angelenos, indeed Californians, cannot wait for new permanent supportive and affordable housing to be constructed. We urge all parties to reclaim and make habitable state, county or city properties for the public good and without delay. Lives are hanging in the balance.