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Re: Council District 4 Navigation Center

Dear Councilmembers,

The Mid City West Community Council supports motion 20-1607 which requests the City identify sites and funding for a Navigation Center to service Council District 4 residents experiencing homelessness and urges that a Navigation Center be opened as soon as possible.

Homelessness in our district is a worsening crisis. In Council District 4, the number of people experiencing homelessness increased 72 percent between 2015 and the pre-pandemic 2020 homeless count—and likely has only risen further since. Almost nine out of ten of our unhoused neighbors are unsheltered. Without a roof over their head, they lack not just a bed but a bathroom, mailbox, and secure storage space for belongings too.

A walk-in Navigation Center with consolidated, coordinated services will help provide basic services. Such a center would provide shower, bathroom, mail and storage facilities; warming and cooling centers in times of incimate weather; allow people to keep their possessions safe and off the street; and connect unhoused neighbors to medical, social, housing, and employment services. This will help unhoused people, who suffer disproportionately from health conditions and unemployment, get the treatment and benefits they need and deserve. Doing so will also improve hygiene



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conditions on our sidewalks, and therefore the lives of our house and unhoused stakeholders alike.

Providing these services at a Navigation Center is an important first step to housing people and ameliorating the homelessness crisis, to the benefit of all Angelenos. There is currently no open multi-service support/access center, public or non-profit, in the council district for people in homelessness, as far as we know. We hope one can be established without delay, drawing on City-owned property and/or partnerships with non-profits to speed up the process as needed.

Sincerely,

Mid City West Community Council