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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/11/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 20-1607

Agenda Date: 02/11/2021

Item Number: 6g

Summary: The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council supports this motion and urges that a Navigation Center be opened in Council District 4 as soon as possible. As stakeholders of Council District 13, we frequently have unhoused community members coming from Council District 4 to our district. Over the past few weeks in particular, we have almost doubled the number of our unhoused neighbors along the LA River alone. Due to COVID concerns, we did not engage in conversation with the new residents, but previous conversations with people, and tracking outreach with SELAH, we know that the majority of our new residents over the past year have come from the Hollywood and Eagle Rock areas. The Navigation Center would benefit both of our council districts by reducing the great need many people are facing, and who are crossing districts to get their needs met. Economic Roundtable has projected an 84% increase in LA County homelessness in the next 4 years. Without proactive solutions like the proposed Navigation Center, we will be headed for a county-wide catastrophe. We support the CIS put forth by our Los Feliz partners in CD4: "A walk-in Navigation Center with consolidated, coordinated services will help provide basic services to those in homelessness who need them most. Such a center would provide shower and bathroom access, a basic human right; allow people to keep their possessions safe; and connect people in homelessness 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. 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. (see attached for full statement)

Council File: [20-1607](#)

Title: Navigation Center / Council District 4 / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Position: Support

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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." We also want to emphasize that we need centers like these in each council district, not just in council districts 4 and 13, so unhoused residents can access services across the city.

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council is encouraged by the motion to support the Navigation Center and we in return encourage its adoption and implementation with all necessary speed to proactively respond to this crisis.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://economicrt.org/publication/locked-out/>