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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(1) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(1)

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Summary: The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) voices its support for this motion to ensure the continued service of Public Toilets provided through the Coordinated Street Furniture Program, when it is transitioned to the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program in January 2022, and to expand access to public restrooms Citywide, especially to support our parks, transit use, and our unhoused population.



The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

12/20/21

Re: Council File: [21-0979](#) Automated Public Toilets (APTs) / Mobile Pit Stops /
Coordinated Street Furniture Program / Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program /
Homeless Crisis

Position: Support

Dear Councilmembers,

The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council (EHNC) voices its support for this motion to ensure the continued service of Public Toilets provided through the Coordinated Street Furniture Program, when it is transitioned to the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program in January 2022, and to expand access to public restrooms Citywide, especially to support our parks, transit use, and our unhoused population.

With more than 40 thousand people experiencing homelessness on any given night (nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of them being unsheltered), and over 50 million annual visitors, the City of Los Angeles is severely lacking in adequate facilities for its residents and visitors alike to use the restroom while moving around the City. In addition to the personal problems this causes for many of our residents, this lack of accessible public restrooms has serious public health implications. The dearth of public restrooms throughout the City places the burden on small businesses to open up their facilities to the public, and in worst case scenarios, leaves the City, its residents, and businesses to clean human waste up off the streets, and in public spaces. Increasing access to public restrooms throughout the City would help alleviate this problem, and provide a clean, dignified, and safe place for our unhoused residents and commuters to use the restroom.

At present, there are 14 Automated Public Toilets (APTs) throughout the City, half of which are attended, an augmentation that has successfully reduced maintenance needs and downtime, increased use, enhanced security, and provided jobs and service opportunities. Unfortunately, this is simply not enough. In order to properly serve our City's unhoused and housed populations, we must increase the number of APTs

accessible to the public, as well as the number of City operated Mobile Pit Stops, which are currently positioned in areas of high demand. These public restrooms should be free, regularly serviced, and easily accessible to all residents. In addition, they should be regularly stocked with necessary personal hygiene supplies, with a focus on ensuring gender equity in access to restrooms for all Angelenos.

We therefore support the council members' motion to call on StreetsLA, The Chief Legislative Analyst, and any other City departments as necessary, to further analyze and create recommendations to secure the continued service of our City's current public restrooms, as well as installing additional restrooms throughout the City, and ensuring access to clean, dignified, and safe public restrooms for all residents of Los Angeles. We additionally request and encourage the assurance that these restrooms be regularly serviced and/or attended, and that they be free, and frequently stocked with personal hygiene products, as well as accessible to people of all genders, backgrounds, and economic status. Ensuring access to public restrooms is an ethical imperative for our City, but it is also a practical one. We need to do more, and the time to do more is now.

Sincerely,

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council

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