

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

On January 15th, 2019, California Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-06-19 which instructed state agencies to aggressively identify and prioritize excess state-owned property to pursue sustainable, innovative and cost-effective housing projects. On January 31, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-23-20 which expanded his previous order on excess state-owned properties for housing projects to include emergency and temporary housing projects. After several months of discussions and an innovative ownership swap with the Federal Department of Labor by the Newsom Administration, the State of California was able to make the current state building at 1405 S. Broadway available for temporary housing and ultimately for permanent affordable housing for the unhoused. The location, located in the South Park neighborhood of Downtown Los Angeles, is the site of a former State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) office.

Following the Governor executive order on emergency housing the city has been working closely with the Office of Governor Newsom and his Administration on a plan for converting the site into affordable housing and public open space. The state recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the site but is open to a temporary use while that process unfolds. After City and State officials visited the site, it was determined that the existing vacant site presents an excellent opportunity for use as interim homeless housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the General Services Department be instructed to enter into a lease with the State of California for the site located at 1405 S. Broadway in Downtown Los Angeles

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing on the State of California property at 1405 S. Broadway

I FURTHER MOVE that upon completion of construction, priority for all units shall be given to unhoused individuals in Council District 14, starting with the neighborhood of South Park in Downtown Los Angeles

I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Housing Department be instructed to modify any necessary contracts with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to ensure that homeless individuals in South Park in Downtown Los Angeles are given the right of first refusal for the new units to be constructed at the site.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned site.

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