

MOTION

Self-Help And Recovery Exchange (SHARE!) Collaborative Housing is a program providing affordable, permanent supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness through a shared-housing model where individual tenants are matched to single-family homes to nurture a supportive community of housemates. SHARE! Collaborative Housing offers incentives to home-owners seeking to rent out their house in exchange for furnishing the house and not collecting a security deposit.

A challenge housing navigators from LAHSA and service providers in the San Fernando Valley face is finding housing locally for their clients. Housing navigators provide transportation for clients to visit potential new homes, sometimes requiring a full day to visit a location 50 miles outside of the City. Both the housing navigators and SHARE! have expressed the need for more housing options for their clients in the San Fernando Valley. Diversifying and expanding the housing options available to include shared-housing will help meet the diverse needs of the unhoused community in Council District 3.

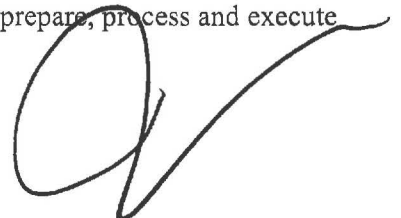
Currently, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) prioritizes housing placement based on acuity score, focusing on individuals with the highest needs. Gaps arise in housing options including for people who have left a residential treatment program and want support for their substance abuse disorder issues, or for people who are seeking to transition from an interim housing program to a more permanent housing resource. Shared-housing can be one model where individuals eligible for Supplemental Security Income and other sources of income can be matched to a home and supported by a social network, and case managers. Shared-housing can be an alternative setting for those who like community but want less dense housing than a congregate interim housing site. SHARE! connects tenants with a "Peer Bridger"—a person with lived experience and sustained recovery from mental health, trauma, homelessness and/or substance use—which can lead to improved outcomes in employment, housing retention and self-sufficiency.

The shared-housing pilot program within Council District 3 will provide funding for staff salary, housing acquisition, supportive services and housing cost support.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$100,000 be transferred / appropriated from the Council District 3's portion of the "Neighborhood Service Enhancements" line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 to SHARE! to pilot 15 - 20 beds with shared-housing in Council District 3 for a term of 12 months.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Housing Department be instructed / authorized to amend the City's 2021-22 General Fund contract (No. C-138630) with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), to add \$100,000 for the above purpose; and to request LAHSA to prepare, process and execute any document(s) necessary with SHARE! for the above purpose.

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I FURTHER INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst to identify funding sources (e.g. GCP - Homeless Services, HHAP, etc.) available to support the shared housing efforts within Council District 3, and should eligible funding sources be identified, appropriate the funding in lieu of Council District 3's portion of the "Neighborhood Service Enhancements" line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 prior to the execution of the contract or reimburse the Council District 3's portion of the "Neighborhood Service Enhancements" line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 if funding is identified after.

I FURTHER INSTRUCT the CAO to include the CD3 Shared Housing beds to the inventory of Roadmap beds.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing Department be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarification as necessary to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:



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Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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