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Council File: [22-0158](#)

Title: Los Angeles Municipal Code / 12.03 / 12.80 / 12.81 / Shelters for the Homeless / Interim Housing / Zones

Position: Support

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports this motion to streamline the process of setting up homeless shelters, to expand the areas in which they are allowed, and to allow for temporary shelters to become permanent.

Homelessness in our city is a crisis. Homeless counts in Los Angeles rose 61 percent between 2015 and the pre-pandemic 2020 count—and likely have only risen further since. There simply are not enough shelter beds for the need, particularly long-term shelters and shelters in different areas of the city.

NWWNC supports solutions that would make it easier for faith communities, non-profit organizations, and government agencies to establish and maintain shelters and increase the desperately needed bed supply for those experiencing homelessness. The city's current restrictive zoning acts as a barrier against getting unhoused Angelenos into the shelter they need. These restrictions should be eased to allow for more people to come inside.

Shelters should be allowed by right in far more areas of the city, and many unnecessarily restrictive "performance standards" on them currently in the municipal code should be removed. Moreover, many non-profit and religious organizations would operate shelters, but they have land in zones in which shelters are currently not allowed. This should be remedied, to allow all organizations that have the capacity to help to do so.

NWWNC supports a report from relevant city departments on this issue so that the topic may be studied in further detail and looks forward to the drafting and passage of an ordinance to implement the changes in the motion.

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