

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a citywide rehousing strategy for people experiencing recreational vehicle (RV) homelessness; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) proposed citywide rehousing strategy for people experiencing RV homelessness, as outlined in the CAO report dated February 10, 2023, attached to the file.
2. DIRECT the CAO to report to Council on a quarterly basis with performance and outcome data related to the implementation of the citywide rehousing strategy for people experiencing RV homelessness, including, but not limited to data and metrics on the number and location of RVs being used as dwellings, the number of persons experiencing RV homelessness, potential California Vehicle Code and Los Angeles Municipal Code violations, outreach contacts, service referrals, housing or other placements, refusals and more.
3. INSTRUCT the Directors and General Managers, Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Bureau of Street Services, other relevant City departments; and, REQUEST the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to coordinate all RV outreach and rehousing operations through the CAO's citywide outreach team.
4. REQUEST LAHSA, working with the CAO, to:
 - a. Report to Council in 30 days with detailed utilization data for the City's current safe parking sites, including utilization rates in program years prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.
 - b. Report to Council in 45 days with a plan to establish 24-hour safe parking locations for RVs that will include on-site case management, housing navigation services, vehicle maintenance services, such as pumping septic tanks, and hygiene services, and with recommendations for changes to the Safe Parking program requirements to lower barriers of entry for people experiencing RV homelessness.
5. REQUEST the City Attorney, working with the CAO, LAPD, LADOT, and other departments as necessary, to draft a waiver form for an individual to voluntarily relinquish their vehicle to the City.
6. INSTRUCT BOS to report on the feasibility, cost and funding necessary to launch a citywide mobile RV waste disposal program, including a consideration of expanding Council District 2's ServeLA program.
7. INSTRUCT the CAO to:
 - a. Release a Request for Information for privately-held properties, including parking lots or other large vacant spaces that can be used for short-term RV storage.
 - b. Include, in its prioritization of RVs to be served through the Citywide strategy, factors including RVs with larger numbers of people living in them, families with minor children, the condition of the RVs, and the condition and characteristics of the surrounding area such as fire sensitivity.
8. INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to:

- a. Work with the Mayor’s office and Council offices, LAHSA and nonprofit service providers, to prioritize encampments that include people experiencing RV homelessness for the Inside Safe Initiative.
- b. Prioritize programs within the Citywide Rehousing Strategy for People Experiencing RV Homelessness to correspond with available funding.
- c. Report to Council on the City’s Encampment Resolution Fund application prior to submission and solicit input from Council on locations to include.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations in this report will not have an immediate impact on the General Fund as funding recommendations will be provided in a future report. However, should the proposed framework be adopted and funding is needed for the initiatives there may be an approximate fiscal impact of up to \$141.6 million.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the City’s Financial Policies indicate that interim requests for expanded department programs should only be considered under extreme circumstances. The Mayor and Council’s significant commitment to addressing the homelessness crisis necessitates approval of this request. Therefore, the recommendation of this report complies with the City’s Financial Policies as this interim budget request addresses an urgent Citywide need.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 1, 2023, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a CAO report relative to a citywide rehousing strategy for people experiencing RV homelessness; and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the CAO report with additional amendments proposed by Councilmember Blumenfield and Councilmember Raman, as detailed above, as amended. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT