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Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of unhoused individuals and families took refuge along Jefferson Boulevard near the Ballona Wetlands, mostly sheltering in vehicles such as cars and RVs. Like unhoused Angelenos across the City, the people at this location deserve better– they deserve safety, stability, and like all Angelenos, they deserve permanent housing.

For over a year, outreach workers from St. Joseph Center and LAHSA, as well as CD11 staff, have engaged with the unhoused community at this location, connecting people with case management and successfully transitioning numerous families and individuals off of the street and into both temporary and permanent housing placements as such opportunities have become available. The challenges faced by unhoused people living in their vehicles are unique, and the resources to help them scarce. Recently, however, the CAO has identified funding that can enable a more comprehensive intervention at this location so that service providers can bring indoors all of those in need at this location. Such an intervention will also create the opportunity for a planned rehabilitation project in the Freshwater Marsh to restore native plants, mitigate ecological damage, and enhance natural resources.

The CAO recommends allocating funding for housing and services targeted for vehicular homelessness in this area, including interim motel stays, long-term housing options, and vehicular interventions such as safe parking, vehicle repair, storage, and program incentives. These interventions, to be coordinated through the St. Joseph Center, will provide families and individuals experiencing homelessness in the vicinity of the Ballona Wetlands the ability to come indoors and take their next step toward stability and permanent housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. **DIRECT** the CAO, with the support of all relevant City departments, LAHSA, and the St. Joseph Center, to coordinate a comprehensive service-led response at West Jefferson Boulevard, between Culver Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard, modeled after successful Encampment to Home operations in Council District 11 and incorporating best practices from vehicular homelessness interventions by West Valley Homes Yes (WHVY) and L.A. Family Housing in Council District 7. The operation shall commence only upon the determination by Council District 11 that housing and vehicular interventions are in fact available for potential clients, and will provide for a minimum of three weeks of active engagement with people experiencing homelessness at the location.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the transfer of \$2,283,313 from the Additional Homeless Services - General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000931, Additional Homeless Services to the Los Angeles Housing Department Fund No. 10A/43, in a new account entitled “Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program” for the above described vehicular homelessness interventions within the Westchester/Playa vicinity.
3. **INSTRUCT** the General Manager of the Los Angeles Housing Department or their designee to amend the LAHSA General Fund contract (C-140706) to reflect the funding allocation as

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mentioned above.

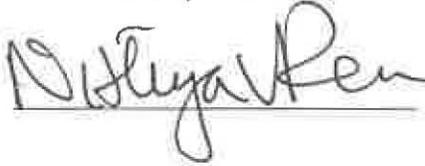
4. REQUEST that LAHSA execute a new or amend an existing sole source subcontract with the St. Joseph Center for an amount of \$2,283,313 to implement the Council District 11 Westchester/Playa Vehicular Homelessness Intervention Program.
5. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this report, to implement the intent of these transactions, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:



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SECONDED BY:



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