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## Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [empowerla@lacity.org](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC), representing more than 60,000 stakeholders, supports this Motion, [Exhibit 1], which requests recommendations for the enabling of Street Medicine teams to provide medical, mental, and behavioral health services at all City-funded interim housing sites. During a recent walk-through of the Tiny Homes Arroyo Seco (THAS), members of the HHPNC Housing Renters and Homelessness Committee (HRHC) were informed by the site's case workers that there is a great need for on-site mental health services. On-site staff have large caseloads and must make the limited resources stretch a long way over a large population of residents, on top of which many individuals who have experienced homelessness have complex needs, such as mental health issues, substance abuse disorders, and chronic medical conditions that require a higher level of care. This information was

echoed at the last HRHC meeting held on May 17th when THAS staff turned out in force to request support from the committee to get onsite mental health care as they detailed the many hoops that clients are required to go through in order to be seen at mental health clinics and facilities often resulting in the clients not getting any care. THAS staff are pushed to their limits providing solutions for their clients and the City must answer with these supportive services.  
**\*\*PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CIS FOR FULL COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT\*\***

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# HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

June 1, 2023

Attn: Los Angeles City Council Members

From: Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

RE: Council File 23-0400, Physical, Mental, and Behavioral Health Services at all City-Funded Interim Housing Sites

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC), representing more than 60,000 stakeholders, supports this [Motion](#), [Exhibit 1], which requests recommendations for the enabling of Street Medicine teams to provide medical, mental, and behavioral health services at all City-funded interim housing sites.

During a recent walk-through of the Tiny Homes Arroyo Seco (THAS), members of the HHPNC Housing Renters and Homelessness Committee (HRHC) were informed by the site's case workers that there is a great need for on-site mental health services. On-site staff have large caseloads and must make the limited resources stretch a long way over a large population of residents, on top of which many individuals who have experienced homelessness have complex needs, such as mental health issues, substance abuse disorders, and chronic medical conditions that require a higher level of care. This information was echoed at the last HRHC meeting held on May 17th when THAS staff turned out in force to request support from the committee to get onsite mental health care as they detailed the many hoops that clients are required to go through in order to be seen at mental health clinics and facilities often resulting in the clients

not getting any care. THAS staff are pushed to their limits providing solutions for their clients and the City must answer with these supportive services.

The City of Los Angeles has made substantial investments in interim housing programs, which provide shelter and support to unsheltered individuals. However, these programs do not offer on-site medical, mental, and behavioral health services, which are essential to comprehensively serve the needs of program participants and ensure that staff at these sites are supported. Therefore, providing holistic healthcare services on-site is necessary to address the health needs of individuals moving into shelters.

By offering on-site healthcare services, we can remove barriers to access and provide care to those who may otherwise go without treatment. This can lead to a reduction in emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and other costly interventions. Moreover, investing in mobile health services can also help homeless individuals build trust with healthcare providers, which can encourage them to seek care in the future. Residents at interim housing sites like THAS are making strides towards exiting unsheltered homelessness, it would be a shame if the lack of healthcare remains an obstacle to their goal of being housed.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports this motion and the future implementation of on-site comprehensive healthcare at City-funded interim housing sites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Blumsack', with a stylized, cursive script.

Charles Blumsack

President

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

MOTION

People experiencing homelessness often have intensive physical and behavioral health needs. Recent surveys and studies indicate that 40% to 67% of homeless Angelenos have either a mental illness or a substance abuse disorder, while over 20% have a physical disability. In recent years, the City of Los Angeles has made sizable investments in interim housing programs where unsheltered individuals are able to come indoors and stabilize. However, these sites are not equipped with on-site medical, mental, and behavioral health support for program participants. In order to comprehensively serve the individuals moving into shelter and to ensure that staff at these sites are supported, holistic health care services should be provided on-site.

The City has recently made a sizable investment in Street Medicine, expanding in February from one team to three, which serve Council Districts 1, 4, 8, 9, 13, and 14. These mobile teams provide critical care to support unsheltered individuals, and they continue to provide services as these individuals transition to living indoors. Street Medicine teams provide the following services to individuals living unsheltered and transitioning into interim housing sites:

- General medical services, including chronic disease care, preventive care, urgent care, and wound care;
- Behavioral health services, including counseling, therapy, and medication treatment for severe mental illness with guidance from a psychiatrist;
- Addiction recovery services, including counseling and medication-assisted treatment with guidance from an addiction medicine specialist; and
- Medical care management, including coordination of specialist visits, medication delivery, health insurance enrollment, and the provision of durable medical equipment.

In November 2022, the California Department of Health Services released guidance to Medi-Cal managed care health plans that effectively encourages Medi-Cal insurers to fund and partner with organizations that bring primary care into encampments, including the Street Medicine teams doing life-saving work here in the City of Los Angeles. Thanks to this new guidance, Street Medicine teams are able to cover a large portion of the costs of these services by billing Medi-Cal for both medical services and CalAIM services. However, these reimbursements do not entirely cover the costs of the program, particularly for service recipients who, for various reasons, are uninsured. The City must subsidize these services in order to ensure that Street Medicine teams are able to provide continuous care to residents as they transition indoors from encampments, and so that these teams can expand their care to all residents of all City-funded interim housing sites.

Healthcare in Action, a Street Medicine provider, estimates that adequate service at interim housing sites would require half-day clinics once per week at interim housing sites with approximately 50 individuals and half-day clinics twice per week at interim housing sites with



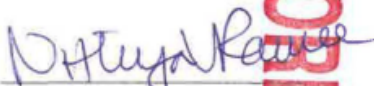
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approximately 100 individuals. For each weekly half-day clinic, the annual subsidy the City would need to provide would be \$24,000. Just over \$4 Million remains unspent and unallocated in the General City Purposes - Additional Homeless Services (GCP-AHD) fund. We should take action now to ensure that these funds are spent on the badly needed, life-saving services provided by Street Medicine teams, and that these teams are able to continue seeing clients that they serve on the street after they transition indoors.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council direct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back within 30 days with recommendations that will enable Street Medicine teams to provide medical, mental and behavioral health services at all City-funded interim housing sites. These recommendations should include appropriate funding, staffing, and other resources to initiate this expansion of Street Medicine services as soon as possible.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the City Council direct the CAO, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to explore additional funding sources for these much-needed services, including State and Federal grants and potential agreements with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health Services.

PRESENTED BY:

  
NITHYA RAMAN  
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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