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Today's homelessness crisis is one of the most critical issues facing the City of Los Angeles. A recent CAO report states there are approximately 23,000 men, women and children experiencing the traumas of homelessness, making the City of Los Angeles home to the largest homeless population in the country. According to numerous studies, Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles has the country's largest concentration of homeless residents in any one neighborhood. However, while historically homeless individuals in the City of L.A. have had a visible presence in Downtown and Venice, the true citywide crisis of homelessness has become increasingly apparent in many more areas throughout the City.

Numerous challenges exist to fully address homelessness, including resource and legal limitations, as well as the jurisdictional divide with L.A. County largely responsible for health services and homeless intervention. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority has been established to help bridge this division, however, the City lacks its own strategic directives or a coordinating entity to manage its approach on addressing homelessness.

The City of Los Angeles needs to develop a comprehensive strategy to fight homelessness. Already, the City contributes more than \$100 million annually combating the conditions of homelessness, including a range of sanitation, public safety and housing resources, and the Mayor has committed to the goals of ending veteran homelessness this year and chronic homelessness soon thereafter. Given the complexities involved, and the issue's moral, safety and financial magnitude, it is imperative that the City fully commit itself to tackling the homelessness crisis with singular focus to protect the health, safety and well-being of all Angelenos. We must do so with compassion, determination and urgency.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council create an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness to review all matters relative to the homelessness in the City of Los Angeles and that the committee be charged with forming comprehensive policy and planning to effectively address homelessness in the City of Los Angeles.

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