

# HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

## MOTION

The City Council and the Mayor have declared a shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point in Time Count released by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), 31,516 homeless individuals reside in the City, 23,114 of whom are unsheltered. Approximately 700 people are living without shelter in the industrial area of downtown just south of Skid Row, from 7th to 21st streets between Maple Avenue and Alameda Street

To respond to the crisis, address public health and safety conditions on the streets, and immediately bring people indoors, the Mayor and Council allocated \$20 million to the Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund in the 2018-19 Adopted Budget to establish temporary crisis and bridge housing facilities.

In October of 2018, the City received a grant of \$85 million from the State of California Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), from which the Council has allocated \$20 million for homeless services and housing interventions in the Skid Row area. On January 22, 2019, Council approved updated allocations for the HEAP funds, including a specific set aside for potential bridge housing for the area around Skid Row and a proposed facility at 1426 Paloma Street (C.F. 18-0628).

The property owner of 1426 Paloma Street in Council District 14 has approached the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services (DHS), which identified the site as viable for bridge housing and able to accommodate approximately 119 beds for individuals experiencing homelessness. DHS has proposed funding for tenant improvements and services at this site and has requested assistance from the City of Los Angeles to pay lease costs for this site in the amount of \$1,333,178 for three (3) years. DHS has also identified an experienced service provider, Home at Last, to manage and operate the facility. As proposed, the City would sub-lease the property to Home at Last, and would ensure the facility is operated consistent with the "A Bridge Home" program.

In order to effectuate the execution of the lease, Department of General Services (GSD) has requested authority to negotiate and execute a lease accordingly (C.F. 15-1138-S37).

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council:

1. **AUTHORIZE** the General Manager of the General Services Department (GSD) to:
  - a. Negotiate and execute a three year lease agreement with the owner of the property located at 1426 Paloma Street for bridge housing, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council; and
  - b. Negotiate and execute a three year sub-lease agreement with Home at Last to operate a bridge housing facility at this site for the duration of the lease agreement, with the option to renew at the discretion of the City Council.
2. **INSTRUCT** the City Administrative Officer negotiate and sign a Letter of Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to lease and operate the facility which will outline the City responsibilities, County responsibilities, Owner responsibilities, and Operator responsibilities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor;

1. APPROVE funds in the amount of \$1,333,178 to lease the property at 1426 Paloma Street for thirty-six (36) months for the purpose of establishing a bridge housing facility. Funds to be appropriated from Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant Fund No. 60P/10, AC-2 – Capital and Operating Support – Skid Row; and
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer \$1,333,178 million to from Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant Fund No. 60P/10, AC-2 – Capital and Operating Support – Skid Row to the Department of General Services Fund 100/40, Account 006030, Leasing Account.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be directed to prepare any additional Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council action in this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Homeless Coordinator to coordinate with Los Angeles County to identify funds for interim housing operations at this site, including, but not limited to County Measure H revenue.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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COUNCILMAN 14th DISTRICT

SECONDED BY:



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