

STATUTORY EXEMPTION and HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a lease extension and change in service provider for the operation of the A Bridge Home (ABH) site located at 3248 (3210) Riverside Drive in Council District Four (CD 4); and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Raman – Soto-Martinez):

1. FIND that the funding allocation, lease, change in service provider and continued use for an additional period not to exceed one year for the ABH/low barrier navigation center located at 3248 Riverside Drive, for those experiencing homelessness, are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.27.5, applicable to low barrier navigation centers and Government Code Section 8698.4(a)(4), governing homeless shelter projects under a shelter crisis declaration. Please refer to the Notice of Exemption attached to Council file No. 19-0126-S3.
2. FIND that pursuant to the Los Angeles City Charter Section 371(e)(10) and the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10), that the use of competitive bidding for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) services agreement and the City lease with Weingart Center for the operation of the ABH site located at 3248 (3210) Riverside Drive in CD 4 from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 would be undesirable and impractical. The site, which houses 100 participant beds, has been without a permanent services provider since July 1, 2025, and there is an urgent need for a provider with the requisite capacity, experience, and expertise to operate the site immediately. In addition to being on LAHSA's list of qualified interim housing providers, the Weingart Center has a proven record of successfully partnering with the City to operate other comparable interim housing sites.
3. REQUEST LAHSA to execute a new or amend an existing sole-source agreement with the service provider, Weingart Center, for the operation of the ABH site located at 3248 (3210) Riverside Drive in CD 4 from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and to add (pro-rata share of \$3,248,500) to the agreement.
4. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to LAHSA, or any other agencies or organizations as appropriate, utilizing the above amounts for the above purposes.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the LAHD to make any corrections, clarifications, and/or revisions in order to effectuate the intent of the Motion; said corrections/clarifications/changes may be made orally, electronically, or by any other means.
6. AUTHORIZE the General Services Department to enter into a new or amend an existing lease agreement with Weingart Center for the operation of the ABH site located at 3248 (3210) Riverside Drive in CD 4 from October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on August 27, 2025, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a Motion (Raman – Soto-Martinez) relative to a lease extension and change in service provider for the operation of the ABH site located at 3248 (3210) Riverside Drive in CD 4; and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the

recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
JURADO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES

LV 8.27.25

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