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HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

On September 22, 2025, the Housing Department (LAHD) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit qualified organizations to provide services under the United to House LA (ULA) Homelessness Prevention Programs. These valuable services, aligned with the Permanent Program Guidelines approved by Council on December 10, 2024 (C.F. No. 23-0038-S8), advance the City's commitment to protecting and promoting fair housing rights.

On February 10, 2026, the Mayor's Office transmitted an LAHD report with results of the RFP and recommendations to award contracts to the Southern California Housing Rights Center (for Short-Term Emergency Assistance), Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (for Eviction Defense & Prevention), Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (for TAHO Outreach & Education), and Liberty Hill Foundation (for Tenant Outreach & Education).

On March 10, 2026, Council approved LAHD's recommendations, subject to several amendments (CF. No. 20-1084-S4). On March 11, 2026, the Mayor granted final approval of Council's recommendations.

However, to date, all four contracts remain unexecuted without explanation. This delay has permitted \$17 million dollars in emergency rental assistance to sit unused while Angelenos contend with eviction. At the same time, the selected contractors struggle to maintain staffing without this funding, placing services for those at risk of homelessness in jeopardy.

Stay Housed LA's proposed contractors have acted in good faith by continuing to provide services over the last two months, despite being forced to plan for layoffs and staff furloughs without the promised compensation. From July 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026 (contract termination date), 2,422 tenants were represented in court, 4,956 tenants were provided limited legal services, 2,548 tenants had answers filed, thus avoiding default judgments. In addition, 287 households stayed housed via \$3,745,576 in settlement/rental assistance. Further, community-based organizations reached 64,946 tenants through virtual and in-person outreach, delivered 26,753 instances of navigation support, such as court assistance and technical guidance and hosted 180 workshops with 1,396 attendees.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Housing Department and request the City Attorney to report to Council within 30 days on the status of the United to House LA contracts approved in March 2026 under CF. No. 20-1084-S4, including the reasons for the delay and timeline for executing the contracts, impacts on services to tenants, and operational impacts on proposed service providers due to contract uncertainty.

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