

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to executing contracts between the City and various contractors to provide Eviction Defense Program and United to House LA (ULA) Homelessness Prevention Program services.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), or designee, to execute contracts with each of the four contractors listed in the table contained under Recommendation No. 1 of the LAHD report dated February 10, 2026, attached to Council file No. 23-0206, each within their respective program category, for a three-year term commencing on April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029, in substantial conformance with the draft document attached to the LAHD report dated February 10, 2026, attached to the Council file, as Attachment A, subject to funding availability, in compliance with the City's contracting policies, and approval of the City Attorney as to form.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to disencumber up to \$1,400,000 in unexpended Fiscal Year 2025-26 encumbered funds from Contract No. C-138260 with Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles within the House LA Fund No. 66M/43, Appropriation Account No. 43CU19 - Short-Term Emergency Assistance, and to encumber the amount to the new contract with the Southern California Housing Rights Center for the continued purpose of providing short-term emergency assistance.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and make any necessary technical or administrative adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, REQUEST the Controller to implement the instructions.
4. INSTRUCT the LAHD to report quarterly to Council on status of contractor's reporting requirements and metrics, and provide quarterly written reports on outreach plans and activities submitted by contractors.
5. INSTRUCT the LAHD to report in 30 days on Recommendation Nos. 6.ii, 6.iv and 7 of the Housing and Homelessness Committee report dated November 29, 2023, attached to Council file No. 18-0610-S3, detailed below:
 - a. Provide a plan to implement the five-year phase in plan that prioritizes vulnerable tenants based on zip codes or criteria developed by the LAHD in collaboration with legal service providers and community-based organizations.
 - b. Report with a detailed annual spending plan for the program [Right to Counsel/Eviction Defense], subject to available funding.
 - c. Instruct the LAHD to report in regard to alternate methods (other than by Zip Code) for determining areas which are most in need of Right to Counsel Program services.)
6. INSTRUCT the LAHD to report on addressing homelessness prevention and funding reductions through the implementation of Emergency Rental Assistance Program, in close coordination with the City's Family Source Centers.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAHD reports that the recommendations in this report have no impact on the General Fund. Funding for the first year of the proposed contracts is supported by the Fiscal Year 2025-26 ULA Expenditure Plan and the Senate Bill 2 Permanent Local Housing Allocation Fund Year Four and Year Five allocations. Funding for the second and third years will be subject to future approvals of the ULA Expenditure Plan.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE – APRIL 11, 2026

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MARCH 27, 2026)

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on February 11, 2026, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a LAHD report relative to executing contracts between the City and various contractors to provide Eviction Defense Program and United to House LA Homelessness Prevention Program services.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the LAHD report, as amended by Councilmember Blumenfield and seconded by Councilmember Raman, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
JURADO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HUTT:	ABSENT
McOSKER:	YES

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