

MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

According to the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time Count, there are 63,706 homeless individuals in the County, of which 41,290 are experiencing homelessness in the City. Over 7,600 of the City's homeless population reside in Council District 14, of which more than 4,700 are unsheltered. In addition to the common challenges faced by homeless individuals, the COVID-19 pandemic further threatens the health and safety of the unsheltered population.

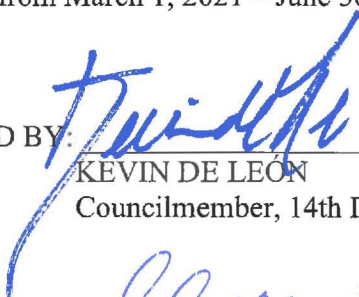
In response to this crisis, the City and the County of Los Angeles entered into an agreement to jointly fund the operation of 6,000 new housing interventions over five (5) years to house the unsheltered homeless population. The City will support the capital costs associated with establishing these interventions and 50 percent of the service costs. The County will fund the remaining 50 percent of the service costs. The target population for these beds is persons experiencing homelessness residing within 500 feet of a freeway overpass, underpass or ramp; those who are 65 years of age or older; and those who are otherwise vulnerable to COVID-19. Council District 14 has 622 homeless individuals living within 500 feet of a freeway, the highest number in the City.

To address the housing needs of these unsheltered residents, the County of Los Angeles has proposed establishing a partnership with the City to provide up to 232 beds in Council District 14 on a County-owned property at 1060 North Vignes Street. The County has offered to fund the full capital costs associated with the construction of the site, and is asking the City to fund the service operations of these beds for up to five (5) years.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council partner with the County, and authorize the City Administrative Officer to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the County that ensures the development of 6,000 new homeless interventions, including 232 beds in Council District 14 located at the 1060 North Vignes Street property, and to report on the status of the negotiations in 30 days.

I FURTHER MOVE the City Administrative Officer identify funding for the operations of the 232 beds located at the 1060 North Vignes Street property at \$55/bed/night from March 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025 and report with recommendations as necessary.

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