

HOUSING

MOTION

The lack of affordable housing in the City is a key contributing factor to the homelessness crisis we are currently fighting. As a result, the City must pursue every opportunity to create new affordable housing, including unique partnerships and opportunities that can address the housing and homelessness crises in our tightening housing market. As public entities launch various initiatives, it is clear that partnerships between all governmental agencies must be forged. To this end, Council District 1 is pursuing an exceptional opportunity for the City to acquire a former courthouse from the Judicial Council of California for affordable and/or permanent supportive housing.

The Judicial Council seeks to repurpose a surplus court facility located at 1150 N. San Fernando Road (Property) and has expressed interest in working with the City to provide a public benefit through this property. The Judicial Council, the County of Los Angeles, and the City should continue to explore the terms and opportunities associated with the disposition of this Property as a donation to the City. These entities would leverage existing assets and resources to provide safe and stable housing for vulnerable residents.

These unprecedented times call for unprecedented measures. The City should bridge new partnerships with entities that seek to address the homelessness crisis in order to maximize leverage of public resources. Urgent and immediate action is necessary to pursue this valuable opportunity to repurpose a vacant courthouse into a thriving community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to coordinate with the Judicial Council of California and the County of Los Angeles to develop recommendations for the acquisition of the surplus court facility located at 1150 N. San Fernando Road (Property), including any legislative or policy issues that must be addressed to transfer the Property as a donation to the City; and

I FURTHER MOVE that Council instruct HCID and the City Administrative Officer to report with the feasibility of developing the Property as affordable and/or permanent supportive housing, including a disposition and funding plan.



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