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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, representing more than 60,000 stakeholders, supports this Motion [Exhibit 1] that would make it easier for local neighborhoods to use existing structures i.e. existing faith buildings, community buildings, and other non-profit entities to create shelters and increase the desperately needed bed supply for those experiencing homelessness. In addition, our current restrictive zoning acts as a barrier against getting unhoused folks into the shelter they need. These zoning regulations should be adjusted to allow for more people to come inside. The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports a report back on this issue so that the topic may be studied in further detail.

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HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

April 7, 2022

Attn: Council President Nury Martinez, Councilmember Kevin De Leon, Councilmember Gil Cedillo

From: Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

RE: Los Angeles Municipal Code / 12.03 / 12.80 / 12.81 / Shelters for the Homeless / Interim Housing / Zones ([Council File: 22-0158](#))

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, representing more than 60,000 stakeholders, supports this [Motion](#) [Exhibit 1] that would make it easier for local neighborhoods to use existing structures i.e. existing faith buildings, community buildings, and other non-profit entities to create shelters and increase the desperately needed bed supply for those experiencing homelessness. In addition, our current restrictive zoning acts as a barrier against getting unhoused folks into the shelter they need. These zoning regulations should be adjusted to allow for more people to come inside. The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports a report back on this issue so that the topic may be studied in further detail.

Sincerely,

Duncan Gregory
President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

The Los Angeles homelessness crisis requires the City to be innovative and cut red tape wherever possible. The number of people sleeping on our streets every night far exceeds the beds we are able to offer. There are churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and other properties owned by non-profits that are eager to be part of the solution, but are barred based on the location of their property. We need to continue to work to make it as easy as possible for these charitable organizations to build and operate homeless shelters in the City.

On March 28, 2017, the Los Angeles City Council started this process by adopting Ordinance No. 184836 to amend Section 12.03, 12.80, and 12.81 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to more quickly establish temporary homeless emergency shelters during a declared shelter crisis. In particular, LAMC Sec. 12.80 allows for temporary shelters for the homeless on City owned and leased properties in any zone as a matter of right. LAMC Sec. 12.81 allows for temporary shelters to be established and operated in the R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2, and M3 zones, if the shelter is operated by a religious institution or a non-profit, charitable organization on property the organization owns or leases.

We need to go further. As a matter of practicality, many religious organizations and other charitable entities that could take advantage of this provision own and/or operate properties in R3 and more restrictive zones. Amending the process would serve the City's goal to produce additional, flexible interim housing solutions as part of a multipronged approach to addressing the housing crisis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct Los Angeles City Planning (LACP), with assistance from other relevant Departments, to report back in 45 days with options to amend Sections 12.03, 12.80, and 12.81 of the LAMC to allow "shelters for the homeless" and other forms of interim housing to be established and operated on properties located outside of R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2, and M3 zones during a declared shelter crisis.

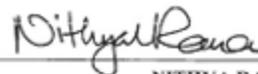
I FURTHER MOVE that City Council instruct LACP, with assistance from other relevant Departments, to report back in 45 days with options to amend Section 14.00 of the LAMC to streamline the administrative approval of "shelters for the homeless" as a public benefit project. The report shall consider expanding where shelters can operate as a matter of right, allowing for a broader array of innovative interim housing solutions by reducing or eliminating certain objective zoning requirements, revising existing performance standards to reflect current best practices, and explore additional strategies to facilitate the provision of interim housing.

I FURTHER MOVE the City Council instruct LACP, with assistance from the City Attorney, to report back in 45 days with options that identify a streamlined processes to allow existing and new emergency / temporary shelters to extend their operation or be made permanent in order to provide greater certainty on potential future operation under the LAMC.

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