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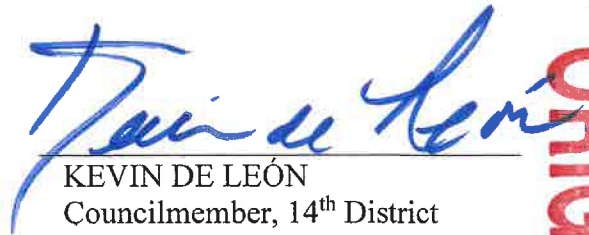
Addressing the City’s severe shortage of affordable and permanent supportive housing has been a significant focus as it works to create new units and preserve existing units through a wide range of solutions. In May 2023, Council took the initial steps to preserve and improve the Skid Row Housing Trust (SRHT) single-room occupancy hotels as the organization can no longer maintain 29 properties (Properties). Reports found “appalling living conditions at the trust’s properties and the depth of mismanagement and financial disarray that led to the collapse of an institution that had long stood as a model for housing homeless people.” Council has since allocated emergency funds and the Properties have been placed into receivership. The Housing Department has initiated actions to resolve ownership and conditions at the Properties, which will require time and funds to implement.

Further, the City Attorney determined that immediate action was needed to address health and safety concerns resulting in a health and safety receiver to manage the Properties. It is critical that the City monitors the receiver’s management of the Properties to ensure that the health and well-being of the tenants are prioritized. Further, the City, should be well informed of the receiver’s plans to preserve the affordability of the Properties to prevent displacement. The City should be well informed on the risks and liabilities associated with its participation in the receivership process to help mitigate any long term exposure.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Housing Department, and request the City Attorney, to:

- a) Report monthly of the status of the Skid Row Housing Trust receiver’s progress in maintaining the health and safety measures and fiscal controls necessary at the Skid Row Housing Trust properties (Properties); and
- b) Report on the various types of receivership structures and options, short term and long term management plans, requirements to ensure that long-term affordability of the Properties, and any financial and other risk exposure to the City.

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