

MOTION

In response to a motion filed by plaintiffs in the LA Alliance v. City of Los Angeles Court Case, in an order dated June 25, 2025, Judge David O. Carter ordered that the City must provide an updated bed plan detailing how it intends to meet its obligation to create 12,915 housing or shelter solutions by June 2027, the end of the Settlement term. Per the City's most recent quarterly report on the Alliance settlement agreement, 6,724 beds were open as of March 31, 2025, and another 4,278 beds were in process. This leaves a gap of 1,913 beds that the City needs to fund and open prior to June 2025.

Per the settlement agreement, the City has discretion over the type of beds it invests in to meet the Alliance Settlement obligations. The City's resources are incredibly limited given the financial outlook for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and beyond, given anticipated reductions in federal and state funding over the coming years, so it is vital to allocate funding for interventions that have the greatest impact. The financial information is clear: interim housing is the most expensive program the City invests in to bring individuals off the street. These interventions, while essential to ensure individuals are sheltered from the elements and have a safe place to sleep and meet their daily needs, stabilize and work towards moving into a permanent home, are meant to be short term. According to recent data gathered by LAHSA, our City-funded interim housing providers are able to successfully help thousands of people every year move from interim housing to permanent housing. But, there are also thousands of people in our City-funded interim housing sites who are staying for more than a year, without transitioning to permanent housing.

Permanent housing interventions such as Time Limited Subsidies, Master Leasing, and the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool allow the City to utilize existing housing stock and provide opportunities for individuals to lease up quickly. One way to address the City's remaining commitments under the Alliance settlement would be to explore how to pair individuals currently in interim housing with time-limited subsidies or flexible housing subsidies, which would both help these people gain housing stability and free up important capacity in interim housing so more people currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness can come inside and into safety. Other cities in the US have successfully utilized existing housing stock to significantly reduce homelessness, and the City of Los Angeles should follow suit.

Per the March 31, 2025 Alliance settlement update, 8,131 Alliance eligible beds are permanent supportive housing units funded through Project Homekey and HHH. Given the federal government's significant cuts to voucher programs funded by the Housing and Urban Development Department and the current timeline to develop new supportive housing units (approximately two years), the City should explore methods to secure existing housing stock to meet its Alliance obligations by the settlement term and increase throughput from our

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City-funded interim housing sites. Models such as Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (scatter site) and Master Leasing (single site) are strategies that are cost effective ways of permanently housing individuals currently in the homelessness services system.

The City should create a bed plan that the Council approves prior to the deadline of October 3, 2025 per the recent court order. This bed plan should include a strategy that clearly outlines the typologies and strategy the City will execute to secure, fund and lease up to permanently house 1,913 individuals in existing interim housing, with placement equity across Council Districts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the CAO and Los Angeles Housing Department, with the support of the Chief Legislative Office and in consultation with LAHSA, report back to council within 60 days on the following:

- A cost benefit analysis of permanent housing interventions, including Master Leasing (utilizing TLS) and scattered site subsidy programs (FHSP, TLS) that are feasible to bring online within the settlement term;
- Bed plan options broken down by typology and timeline to lease up for the Council to consider and approve to meet the City's settlement obligations by June 2027;
- Corresponding strategies to identify, fund and bring online all 1,913 beds through the various bed plan options;
- Corresponding strategies to match and lease up individuals in an equitable manner across all council districts from interim housing sites including timelines and leads for each component of the lease up process, starting with identification of eligible participants to lease up and enrollment in TLS, FHSP, etc.

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