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According to the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are an estimated 46,260 people in the City of Los Angeles experiencing homelessness, a 10 percent increase from 2022. At present, the City has approximately 6,200 interim beds from programs such as A Bridge Home, Tiny Villages, Safe Parking, and Project Roomkey, among others. In April 2022, the City and LA Alliance for Human Rights came to an agreement which would require opening enough beds to accommodate 60 percent of the City’s unsheltered population by 2027. As of June 2023, the City needs to open approximately 4,900 additional beds to meet this goal.

St. Andrews Apartments, located at 1540 and 1554 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, CA 90019, is a new 44-unit apartment building with a gross building area of 48,528 square feet. All units are vacant, furnished and move-in ready. The property includes a 19,136 square foot parking lot, a ground floor office, an enclosed courtyard, onsite amenities, and a fully furnished common area.

The owner of this property has offered to lease the property to the City with an option to purchase at any time during the lease term upon 60 days notice. This property may be a suitable candidate for interim or permanent supportive housing. The City should evaluate the feasibility of leasing and/or purchasing this property to provide more beds for unhoused individuals and further address the continuing homelessness crisis.

I **THEREFORE MOVE** that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Housing Department and Department of General Services, to report with recommendations on the viability of leasing, with an option to buy, the property located at 1540-44 St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles, CA 90019 for use as interim housing and/or permanent supportive housing purposes.

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