

MOTION

I THEREFORE MOVE that the following instructions be incorporated into Council Files related to: the formation of a City homelessness governance structure (CFs 24-0330, 25-0207); establishment of a City of Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CF 25-0689); and streamlining contracting and invoicing for homeless services providers through strengthening contract management, accountability, and implementation of revised interim housing service requirements (CFs 24-0536, 26-0512):

30 DAYS

1. Instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the City Attorney, to renegotiate the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement to provide the City of Los Angeles with a clear majority governance authority over the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Commission, including greater representation, oversight, and decision-making control.
2. Instruct the CLA to submit weekly written reports to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Housing and Homelessness Committee during this negotiation.

45 DAYS

3. Direct the CAO and the CLA, in coordination with the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor's Office, to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of LAHSA's remaining budget, operational capacity, and organizational structure. This review should:
 - Align LAHSA's priorities with the City's homelessness response goals for FY 2026–2027;
 - A detailed analysis of City and County cost sharing for the key functions of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, ensuring that the City's current funding commitment is maintained and not reduced as part of this County's budget year;
 - Identify opportunities to right-size and restructure LAHSA for improved efficiency and accountability; and
 - Reflect the City's role as the primary funding source in the upcoming fiscal year, including alignment with and integration into the City's upcoming budget process.

60 DAYS

4. Direct the CAO and the CLA, and request the City Attorney and LAHSA, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), to effectuate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LAHSA to streamline and standardize:
 - Contracting processes;
 - Invoicing and payment systems; and
 - Data collection, reporting, and performance tracking.
5. Direct the LAHD and the CAO to prepare and present a phased integration of these administrative functions into the City's Bureau of Homelessness, as feasible, ensuring continuity of services while increasing City control and efficiency.

90 DAYS

6. Instruct the CLA and the CAO to propose structural governance changes to merge the CoC Board with the LAHSA Commission, ensuring the City achieves a clear majority representation to reflect the City's funding and operational responsibilities, and authorize the CLA to retain a consultant or other external expertise, if needed, to support this effort. The proposal should include the redesign of Coordinated Entry System (CES) policies to:
 - Prioritize equitable access for unhoused City of Los Angeles residents to City-funded beds and services;
 - Improve transparency and accountability in placement decisions; and
 - Ensure alignment with City investment priorities and performance goals.