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The City of Los Angeles continually progresses toward its overarching goals of preventing and ending homelessness, as reflected in the most recent data from the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, which is administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Compared to the prior year, the City saw a decrease of more than 10% in its population of people living unsheltered and an increase of over 17% in its population of people living in shelters, thanks to a variety of interventions on the part of City departments, Council District offices, the Mayor's Office, and LAHSA. These results are the result of historic investment in programs specifically designed to address street homelessness. In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, for example, the City allocated a combined total of \$1.28 billion to address the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles.

There are many regular reports regarding homelessness spending including, but not limited to: reports regarding the City's progress toward meeting its goals pursuant to the Roadmap agreement and the Alliance settlement, reports regarding the Homelessness Emergency Account and the Inside Safe initiative led by the Mayor's Office, and countless ad hoc reports and recommendations stemming from individual Council motions.

Currently, there are multiple Council committees through which reports about spending on homelessness programs are reviewed and analyzed, but the Council lacks a comprehensive resource to guide and inform budgeting and spending throughout the fiscal year. The need for centralized financial oversight and real-time monitoring was detailed in the recent audit by Alvarez & Marsal, upon their analysis of the City's financial and contracting data for Homelessness Services from June 1, 2020- June 30, 2024,

"Funding and the City's budget allocations for homelessness assistance services were not routinely reconciled with actual spending or contractual obligations. This lack of reconciliation led to confusion about the total amount expended on homelessness assistance services, which made it challenging to ascertain how budgets for multiple endeavors and funding sources were utilized or whether they achieved the intended outcomes."¹

By providing a holistic funding and expenditure document, the City will foster a more accountable and transparent budgeting process. This document will also support Councilmembers and City departments in holding contracted homeless service providers accountable for outcomes. Policymakers will also be able to consider these expenditures against outcomes data that LAHSA is working with the City to develop and provide regularly, and to make responsible, informed policy decisions.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the Housing Department (LAHD), in coordination with LAHSA to report back within 60 days and quarterly thereafter to Council with a single comprehensive breakdown of the City's homelessness budget, including all funding sources (including whether costs are reimbursable by the County or Federal government, etc.), committed funds, expenditures, and underspends for each program and contract the City holds related to homelessness, including, but not limited to:


¹ *LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. the City of Los Angeles et al. (Case 2:20-cv-02291-DOC -KES Document 870)*

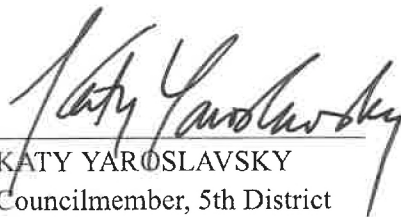
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- All HHAP funded programs
- All ESG funded programs
- Inside Safe
- Interim Housing projects
- Council District-specific contracts
- CIRCLE
- LAHSA contracts
- Safe Parking
- Safe Sleep
- RV programming
- Street Medicine Teams
- Permanent Supportive Housing investments
- Homelessness Prevention Programs, including those funded by ULA
- Sanitation
- Winter Shelter/Augmented Winter Shelters

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CAO, CLA and LAHD to supplement the above report initially and, thereafter, annually at the start of the third quarter of the fiscal year, with an analysis of the City's spending on homelessness, to include budget recommendations based on best practices, efficacy, cost benefit analysis, and progress towards the City's goal of reducing homelessness.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the CLA, CAO and LAHD to work with the Controller to create a page where the data described above will be published and updated regularly to ensure transparency and public accessibility.

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