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As the governing body of the City of Los Angeles, the City Council is responsible for setting policy, enacting legislation, and overseeing the delivery of services to Angelenos. To carry out these duties effectively, the Council must be able to operate with its full Charter authority, advancing its legislative priorities, conducting oversight, and addressing the institutional needs of the City outside the constraints of emergency structures.

In December 2022, the City of Los Angeles declared a local State of Emergency on Homelessness to address the intensifying crisis on our streets with the urgency and flexibility it demands. This declaration has enabled the City to accelerate the procurement of services, establish shelter and housing interventions more rapidly, and coordinate cross-agency responses. Since the initial passage and ratification of the declaration, the City no longer meets all of the criteria that were the basis of establishing the emergency as outlined in the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.33.

Homelessness remains an urgent humanitarian crisis facing the City. As Los Angeles continues to invest in housing and supportive services, it is increasingly important to enable the City Council to exercise legislative and oversight authority through the normal course of Council business and processes, outside the confines of a declared emergency. Toward this end, the Council has initiated the process to establish the Bureau of Homelessness Oversight within the Los Angeles Housing Department in the revised Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Council File 25-0600).

As the City Council considers the process to terminate the local emergency declaration as set forth in the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.33, the governing body must be equipped with comprehensive information about the operational, legal, and fiscal implications of such an action. To guide this determination, the Council must evaluate the scale and scope of current resources mobilized under the emergency's existence, and to be presented with data to adopt a plan to transition out of emergency operations and into a normal functioning of the local government as contemplated by the City Charter, Municipal Code and administrative regulations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in coordination with the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Office of the City Attorney, to report back in 30 days on the legislative, budgetary, and legal efforts currently underway, including pending efforts in the revised Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Council File 25-0600), that the City has deployed to address homelessness since the start of the local State of Emergency on Homelessness, with specific data on:

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1. The total number of interim housing sites and beds, through all programs and funding sources, that have been established since the emergency declaration, and the differences in how the City has operated, managed, or interacted with those sites;
2. A list of all contracts, sole-source or otherwise, authorized under the declaration and their current status (including remaining duration and available funding), the impacts of how the expiration for these contracts would affect the speed and flexibility of service delivery, the City Council's legal and administrative authority to continue or renew such contracts after the emergency ends, risks to service continuity and provider retention as a result of transitioning back to competitive procurement; and
3. A comprehensive analysis of the legal and budgetary impacts of terminating the emergency declaration, including implications for accessing state and federal emergency funds, waivers, and regulatory flexibilities.

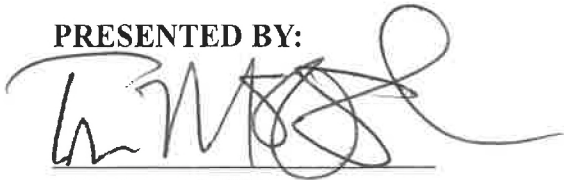
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CLA, with assistance from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), and in coordination with the CAO and the Office of the City Attorney, to report back in 60 days with a plan that addresses the operational, legal, and fiscal impacts of terminating the local State of Emergency on Homelessness, with specific guidance on:

1. Incorporation of the pending efforts in the revised Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Council File 25-0600) that the City can deploy to address homelessness, as well as efforts aimed at implementing departmental and Council oversight;
2. Recommendations for preserving critical functions and services through permanent legislative or administrative mechanisms, specifically for services associated with interim housing placements and Inside Safe operations;
3. Operational and procedural steps to be taken for each agency to maintain services during and after the transition, and their associated timelines needed to adjust to the transition;
4. Assurance throughout the transition process, and upon the termination of the declaration, that the City maintains a priority to ensure legal obligations are met throughout the transition; and
5. Recommendations throughout the transition process, and upon the termination of the declaration, that allow the City to advance homelessness and housing efforts more proactively for improving coordination, funding flexibility, and legal authority.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Office of the City Attorney and the CLA to report back in 60 days with guidance on the coordination required to implement the aforementioned requests, while also taking into account the obligations of the County of Los Angeles based on (1) the County's recent action to establish a new department for regional

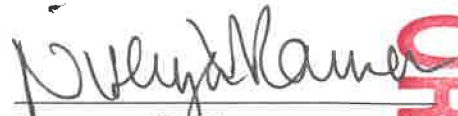
homeless services; (2) the pre-existing statutory obligations of the County to provide for indigent care; and (3) the County's obligations under the voter-approved Measure A resources and governance.

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