

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting a report on the legislative, budgetary and legal efforts in the revised Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 that the City has deployed to address homelessness since the start of the local State of Emergency on Homelessness (SEH); a plan that addresses the operational, legal and fiscal impacts of terminating the local SEH; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (McOsker, Raman – Juardo, Lee):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in coordination with the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the City Attorney, to report to Council in 30 days on the legislative, budgetary and legal efforts currently underway, including pending efforts in the revised Budget FY 2025-26 (Council file No. 25-0600), that the City has deployed to address homelessness since the start of the local SEH, with specific data on:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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 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.
  - c. 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.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA, with assistance from the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), and in coordination with the CAO and the City Attorney, to report back to Council in 60 days with a plan that addresses the operational, legal and fiscal impacts of terminating the local SEH, with specific guidance on:
  - a. Incorporation of the pending efforts in the revised Budget FY 2025-26 (Council file No. 25-0600) that the City can deploy to address homelessness, as well as efforts aimed at implementing departmental and Council oversight.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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.
  - e. 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.

3. REQUEST the City Attorney and the CLA to report to Council 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 (County) based on:
  - a. The County's recent action to establish a new department for regional homeless services.
  - b. The pre-existing statutory obligations of the County to provide for indigent care.
  - c. The County's obligations under the voter-approved Measure A resources and governance.
4. INSTRUCT the CLA, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to develop recommendations within 30 days for consideration of adoption that enables the City to continue operating interim housing sites on City-owned properties and expedites the development of interim housing sites even if there is no longer a declared emergency.
5. INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the LAHD, to develop recommendations within 30 days to enable the payment of existing contracts and invoices with minimal delays for the Inside Safe Program even if there is no longer a declared emergency.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on June 4, 2025, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a Motion (McOske, Raman – Juado, Lee) relative to requesting a report on the legislative, budgetary and legal efforts in the revised Budget FY 2025-26 that the City has deployed to address homelessness since the start of the local SEH; a plan that addresses the operational, legal and fiscal impacts of terminating the local SEH; and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as amended by Councilmember Blumenfield and seconded by Councilmember Raman, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

### HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
JURADO:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES

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