HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

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The City of Los Angeles has long participated in the Los Angeles County Continuum of Care (CoC), a regional system led by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to coordinate and deliver housing and services for those experiencing homelessness. Through this partnership, the City has supported efforts to match people in interim housing with permanent housing solutions. However, the pathway from interim to permanent housing is often hampered by bureaucratic complexity, inefficiency, and a lack of transparency.

As mentioned in the April 22, 2025 Chief Legislative Analyst report under CF 24-0330 and CF 25-0207, "the formation of a City-only CoC would allow the City to geographically structure its programs in a manner that suits the City's needs." While establishing an independent CoC would require federal approval and a potentially lengthy transition, there is significant value in evaluating this option to better align resources, policies, and service delivery.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on the feasibility, potential benefits, and possible drawbacks of the City establishing its own Continuum of Care, independent of Los Angeles County.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Housing Department and the Community Investment for Families Department to report on the structure of federal grants issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to assess how the City could remain competitive in securing funding under that structure if it were to operate its own CoC independent of the County.

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