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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding to local governing bodies to address homelessness. These local governing bodies, known as a Continuum of Care (CoC), are designed to receive funding from HUD and distribute it to service providers and local agencies to address homelessness. A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body required under federal law that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals. The City of Los Angeles is part of the Los Angeles City and County Continuum of Care (LA CoC) and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is the lead agency that coordinates LA CoC activities.

The main function of the City and County of Los Angeles CoC is to coordinate policies related to the homelessness response system in the region, to determine the highest priorities for funding homeless services, and to prepare an annual funding request to be submitted to HUD. Regulations have also required that CoCs develop programs to monitor homelessness and to track actions and outcomes in homeless services. For example, CoCs are required to conduct a Point-in-Time count, as well as to operate a Homeless Management Information System and a Coordinated Entry System. CoC's are responsible for managing the homeless system for the local municipalities they represent. CoC's also manage integrated systems of care that assist people experiencing homelessness to receive the best service for them from an array of housing and homelessness services.

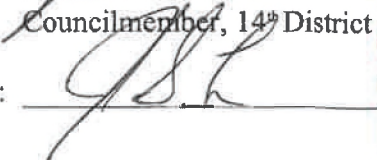
The City has invested a lot of its General Fund monies as well as various other funding to its homelessness services and programs. The City has also invested in the construction of permanent supportive housing and interim housing. But as one City among many, the City is not able to fully manage the housing and homeless services it funds. In order to manage, monitor, and evaluate the City's investment in the homelessness response system, it may be beneficial for the City to explore the formation of a City-only CoC. This could allow the City to ensure that the system better serves residents of the City and has more authority and say on how funding is allocated and expended. Furthermore, formation of a City-only CoC would allow the City to geographically structure its programs in a manner that suits the City's needs. Rather than operate within the County's Service Planning Area system, the City could create service areas that more effectively meet the needs of the City's communities and homeless population.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance of the City Administrative Office, the Los Angeles Housing Department, City Attorney, and other departments as needed, to report on the necessary steps to form a City of Los Angeles Continuum of Care, including elements such as responsibilities, authorities, structure, funding, federal compliance requirements, timing, and staffing.

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