

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed non-profit license agreement with Canopy Roots to provide homelessness related services for the Mayor's Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement program at 1722 North Cherokee Avenue, Unit B.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to Charter Section 371(e)(10) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10), that the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable and impractical for this contract. Canopy Roots has been awarded the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) Program service contract by the Office of the Mayor through a bidding process and is uniquely positioned to implement and manage program operations at the City-owned facility at 1722 North Cherokee Ave, Suite B.
 - a. The location to serve as the primary dispatch center for outreach coordination and service delivery to individuals experiencing homelessness, ensuring an efficient and immediate response to community needs.
 - b. Given Canopy Roots' expertise in behavioral health services, crisis intervention, and street-based outreach, as well as its alignment with the Mayor's initiative, it is the most qualified and capable entity to operate from this facility, maximizing program effectiveness and community impact.
2. AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a license agreement with Canopy Roots for the retail space located at 1722 North Cherokee Ave, Suite B, Hollywood, CA 90028 under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the August 1, 2025 Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no General Fund impact as this is a no-cost license agreement. This is a Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) controlled site. The LADOT is responsible for major building and site systems. Canopy Roots is responsible for utilities, janitorial services, maintenance, repairs, tenant improvements, and security costs for the licensed area.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 19, 2025, your Committee considered an August 1, 2025 MFC report relative to proposed non-profit license agreement with Canopy Roots to provide homelessness related services for the Mayor's Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement program at 1722 North Cherokee Avenue, Unit B. According to the MFC,

the site is located in a retail storefront that is part of the LADOT's Cherokee/Hollywood Parking Garage (Lot 670). Both the parking lot and the retail spaces fall under the jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility of the LADOT.

The Mayor's Office selected this City-owned location to house a CIRCLE program operation in one of the retail storefronts due to its proximity to high need areas and street-level activity in Hollywood, aligning with the program's mission to provide rapid response and outreach services. On March 4, 2025, Council adopted a Motion (Council File No. 25-0115) directing the GSD to negotiate a no-cost license agreement with Canopy Roots to implement the CIRCLE Program for the Hollywood service area.

Although awarded the Mayor's CIRCLE Program Service Contract (Contract No. C-200436) from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for this service area, Canopy Roots does not yet have possession of the City-owned space. In the interim, Canopy Roots continues CIRCLE services for this area from their other locations. The proposed license agreement will provide appropriate space in the area they service, and aligns with the Mayor's Office of Community Safety service contract, renewed annually through the Mayor's budget process. Canopy Roots will utilize the 866 square foot premise for dispatch operations, administrative functions, and outreach coordination. Additionally, the site will serve as a decompression center, providing temporary relief from extreme weather and offering food, water, and service referrals to individuals experiencing homelessness. The premises were previously occupied by the City's former service provider, Urban Alchemy, who has since vacated the location. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the MFC report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Government Operations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

PADILLA:	YES
LEE:	ABSENT
JURADO:	YES

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