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Systemic change is needed in Los Angeles to improve the delivery and funding of homelessness services. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), a Joint Powers Authority between the City and County of Los Angeles, procures and administers homelessness services contracts on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.

The County of Los Angeles created the Department of Homeless Services and Housing by consolidating their CEO-Homelessness Initiative and Department of Health Service's Housing for Health staff, and plans to hire/transfer a component of LAHSA staff and funding to the new County department by July 1, 2026. The Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer will be reporting back on the implications on the new County Department for homelessness and its impacts on the City's homelessness contracts with LAHSA (CF 25-0316).

The City of Los Angeles is exploring the establishment of a Homelessness Oversight Bureau within the Los Angeles Housing Department (CF 25-0207); and the Chief Legislative Analyst provides recommendations towards the creations of a City department on homelessness (CF 24-0330), and also has been directed to report on bypassing LAHSA and contracting directly with Service Providers (CF 24-1480). The Chief Legislative Analyst has also been directed to report on the necessary steps to establish a City of Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CF 25-0699, CF 25-0689).

Within Council File 24-0330, the CLA Report dated April 22, 2025, notes that the transferring the Measure A funding and staff from LAHSA to the County "...will significantly alter the purpose and functions of LAHSA, to the extent that it may no longer be able to provide services that support the City's needs... and economies of scale for IH [interim housing] contract administration may be lost as a result of the County removing and unbraiding funding." The report further lays out "As a result of the County's withdrawal of funds, the City might be obligated to either rely on the County to manage City IH [interim housing], increase funding for IH administration at LAHSA, or for the City to bring IH management into a City department."

The City of Los Angeles should explore contracting directly with the County to administer contracts with service providers who operate City funded interim housing sites and other homelessness services programs, in an effort to reduce administrative cost and achieve efficiencies and more expedient contract administration.

I THEREFORE MOVE to direct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the Office of the Controller, and the Office of the City Attorney, and with requested input from the Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing, to report back within 45 days, with the following:

- An analysis of the City of Los Angeles withdrawing all legally allowable homelessness funding from LAHSA and instead contracting with the Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing (County Department), with the LAHD Bureau on Homelessness Oversight (LAHD Bureau) as the City's formal contract holder with the County Department, utilizing the recently-executed Outreach Memorandum of Understanding as a potential model;
- A financial analysis of the contract transfers, including a contemplation of potential changes to the administrative rate, savings related to City staff time, and other factors;



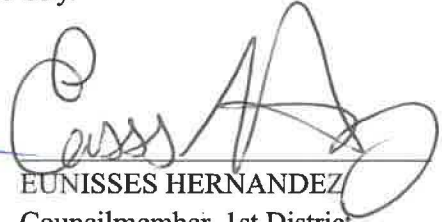
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- Realistic timelines to have all necessary contracts, agreements, funding transfers, and necessary staffing levels in the LAHD Bureau in place;
- Recommendations for developing potential programmatic and contractual obligations, to be overseen by the LAHD Bureau, with the County Department, including, but not limited due: real-time data reporting on services performed within the City, geographic prioritization for interim and/or permanent housing placements in City-funded facilities to the fullest extent legally allowable, and baseline allocations for the following programs: encampment resolutions, rental subsidies, access to mainstream County behavioral, mental, and physical health services, access to substance use and recovery programs;
- Recommendations on increasing City integration within the Emergency Centralized Response Center;
- An analysis of the City's statutorily required minimum funding commitments for LAHSA in its current role as the lead of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC);
- Recommendations for potential funding levels to sustain LAHSA's current statutorily required programs, including, but not limited to, administration of the Homeless Count, CoC, and Coordinated Entry System / Homeless Management Information System;
- Recommendations for more fully aligning and harmonizing the City's annual homelessness funding recommendations and funding disbursements with County processes. recommendations to contract directly with the County to administer homeless service contracts

I FURTHER MOVE to direct the City Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Chief Legislative Analyst, to engage with the County of Los Angeles to explore the establishment of a new memorandum of understanding that achieves greater administrative efficiencies and cost-sharing models for the operation of interim housing sites currently funded by the City.

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