

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting an analysis of the City withdrawing all legally allowable homelessness funding from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and contracting with the Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing (County Department); and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield, Hernandez – Yaroslavsky):

1. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in consultation with the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), the City Administrative Officer (CAO), LAHSA, the Controller, and the City Attorney; and, REQUEST input from the County Department, to report within 45 days, with the following:
 - a. An analysis of the City withdrawing all legally allowable homelessness funding from LAHSA and instead contracting with the 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.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Realistic timelines to have all necessary contracts, agreements, funding transfers, and necessary staffing levels in the LAHD Bureau in place.
 - d. Recommendations for developing potential programmatic and contractual obligations, to be overseen by the LAHD Bureau, with the County Department, including, but not limited to: 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 Los Angeles County (County) behavioral, mental, and physical health services, access to substance use and recovery programs.
 - e. Recommendations on increasing City integration within the Emergency Centralized Response Center.
 - f. 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).
 - g. 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.
 - h. Recommendations for more fully aligning and harmonizing the City's annual homelessness funding recommendations and funding disbursements with County process recommendations to contract directly with the County Department to administer homeless service contracts.
2. DIRECT the CAO, in consultation with the CLA, to engage with the County 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.

3. INSTRUCT the CLA to engage in discussions with the County Department and report about the long term plans for other County response networks that are homelessness related, which are not included.
4. INSTRUCT the CLA to report with an estimate of the funding required for LAHSA and the LAHD to effectively fulfill their respective roles in this process, with LAHSA continuing as the CoC and the LAHD as the lead agency, and explore potential funding sources that could be utilized.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: North Westwood Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 3, 2025, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield, Hernandez – Yaroslavsky) relative to requesting an analysis of the City withdrawing all legally allowable homelessness funding from LAHSA and contracting with the County Department; 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 Jurado 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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