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The City of Los Angeles has made significant investments in supportive housing and homelessness services, but public trust depends upon maintaining safe environments for residents, clients, workers, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Recent violent incidents in Venice raise serious concerns about operational practices, security protocols, and accountability mechanisms at certain service sites.

In particular, the Rose Avenue Apartments, a HHH project funded by Los Angeles taxpayers, and operated by Venice Community Housing, has been a magnet for calls for service. Since 2022, there have been nearly 200 calls to the police, including more than 20 calls related to battery/assault with a deadly weapon; nearly 30 related to family or neighbor disputes; death investigations; and multiple other incidents.

These issues were magnified further in May 2026 when Justin Lee Tucker, a resident of the Rose Avenue Apartments, assaulted a bystander outside the apartments with a samurai sword, nearly dismembering the victim's arm. While Tucker was apprehended after several days at large and is now being held on suspicion of attempted murder, what is most disturbing is the fact that Mr. Tucker has a long, violent criminal history.

Troubling incidents have also occurred at other sites operated by Venice Community Housing, including the Journey Apartments, also funded by city taxpayer dollars, and the Horizon Apartments. In addition to arrests, calls for service include assaults and battery, trespassing in the surrounding neighborhood and theft from a nearby church by one of the Journey's residents.

The placement of homeless individuals into permanent supportive housing is diffuse and decentralized among multiple entities, including but not limited to building management, LAHSA, the CES Policy Council and Los Angeles County. The Housing Department also requires projects that receive public financing to submit a Property Management Plan to ensure housing providers follow fair housing laws.

Publicly funded programs should be expected to meet high standards for safety, transparency, and responsible stewardship for the safety of its residents and the surrounding community. Repeat calls for service also draw public safety resources from preventing and addressing other crimes at a time when police staffing levels are already spread dangerously thin.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the City Attorney and Housing Department, to report in 60 days on the feasibility of conditioning city funding for permanent supportive projects on the provision of background checks and comprehensive behavioral-health and risk assessments, in addition to screening out individuals with violent criminal histories.

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I FURTHER MOVE that Council instruct the Los Angeles Housing Department to report with recommendations to update the City's Model Property Management Policies and Procedures to account for safety within and outside publicly funded housing projects.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council request the City Attorney prepare recommendations for strengthened "Good Neighbor" operational agreements for City-funded housing, including but not limited to:


- Required on-site security staffing levels
- 24/7 staffing requirements for higher-acuity sites
- Security cameras in common areas and entrances
- Controlled access systems
- Regular security audits

I FURTHER MOVE that Council instruct the CLA, in coordination with LAHSA, the CES Policy Council, Housing Department and Los Angeles County to report on intake and assessment protocols for supportive housing projects, including whether providers are:

- Conducting comprehensive behavioral-health and risk assessments
- Screening for violent criminal histories
- Evaluating severe mental illness and substance use needs
- Matching residents with appropriate levels of care rather than placing high-acuity individuals in lower-support settings

I FURTHER MOVE that Council instruct the CLA to report with recommendations for "higher-acuity placement pathways," for individuals with repeated violent conduct, serious untreated mental illness, or persistent behavioral crises, including coordination with County behavioral health programs.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council request the City Attorney to report on the feasibility of creating a dispute resolution process to mediate concerns between neighbors and permanent supportive housing operators.

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