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According to the 2026 Point in Time count, roughly 2,000 young people aged 18-24 are living without stable housing in the City, and Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) make up 4% of the total population of people living in shelters and on the streets in Los Angeles. TAY experiencing homelessness report high rates of sexual and physical violence, food insecurity, and suicidal tendencies, making early intervention critical to their health and safety.¹ An investment in housing and services at the TAY stage of development can prevent more costly interventions down the road and provide the opportunity for an improved life trajectory.²

The City provides shelter resources for this population—approximately 350 TAY households are participating in City-funded shelter and 50 of the recently approved Time Limited Subsidy slots are reserved for TAY. However, these investments alone are not enough to meaningfully reduce TAY homelessness.

Fortunately, the State has recognized the importance of caring for this vulnerable population, and the annual Housing, Homelessness and Prevention (HHAP) grants that California administers have consistently included funding set aside specifically for TAY. These funds have been historically underspent by the City and are time-limited for expenditure. Given the relatively small scale of the TAY homeless population, the City now has the opportunity to use these funds to strategically and substantially reduce, and functionally end, TAY homelessness within city limits.

Studies have shown that housing interventions, including time-limited, shared, and transitional housing, flexible financial assistance, and intensive case management improve TAY housing stability. This is reflected in the population's willingness to engage: in a survey conducted by RAND, 95% of respondents were motivated to participate in a housing program. Coupled with strategic investment by the City and partnership with local TAY providers, this willingness could be incredibly impactful. The City should therefore partner with TAY providers and philanthropic organizations to develop a plan to strategically and substantively reduce and functionally end TAY homelessness, including strategies to help TAY currently experiencing homelessness transition into housing and to help prevent additional TAY from becoming homeless.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Office, with the support of the Bureau of Homelessness Oversight at the Los Angeles Housing Department, report to Council within 90 days on a strategy to urgently address Transitional Aged Youth homelessness, using evidence-driven strategies. Development of this strategy should include:

- Consultation with TAY providers operating in the City, including but not limited to: The Village Family Services, Aviva Family Services, Safe Place for Youth, Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership, My Friend's Place, etc. to inform the City's strategy;

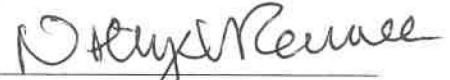
¹ Research, Education, and Advocacy Co-Lab for Youth Stability and Thriving (REALYST). (2018). Homeless youth risk and resilience survey.

² Hunter, Sarah B., Joan S. Tucker, Jason M. Ward, and Rick Garvey, Understanding the Needs of Transition Age Youth Navigating the Foster Care and Housing Systems in Los Angeles County. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2024. https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA3310-1.html.



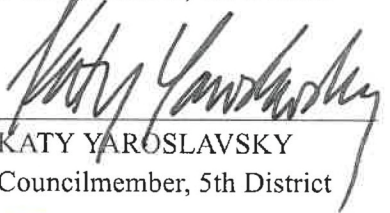
- Outreach to and engagement with philanthropic organizations, including LA4LA, to partner on this effort;
- Identified funding, including but not limited to HHAP TAY set-aside, including a plan to ensure the City is meeting its expenditure deadlines under HHAP awards;
- Immediate usage of HHAP TAY set-aside dollars for purposes aligning with this strategy;
- Collaborate with the regional housing authorities to maximize the use of federally funded vouchers, such as the Foster Youth to Independence vouchers to permanently house TAY living within the City;
- Transition/exit planning for TAY potentially displaced by the next federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care funding round, as over 800 TAY households are currently housed using federal CoC dollars; and
- Proposed project milestones and timeline for strategy implementation.

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