

HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTH

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles has greatly invested in building interim beds for people experiencing homelessness (PEH). The City has invested its local dollars as well as funding from State and federal resources to build an inventory of interim beds to serve unhoused people in Los Angeles. These include beds in the Roadmap Plan and A Bridge Home Program, Tiny Home Villages, Inside Safe motel and hotel placements, and beds created under the LA Alliance Settlement Agreement program. The County of Los Angeles (County), including their Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Health Services' (DHS) Housing for Health, and the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, regularly places clients into City-supported beds. If the City builds its own homelessness system and behavioral health department, the County's placement options could be impacted.

There is a need for a comprehensive analysis and documentation of the inventory of the City and County interim facilities resources that are currently available to the region. A thorough analysis of the region's interim resources is needed in case of a potential split between the City and County homelessness services in order to understand the impact to the homelessness system. This analysis is needed to inform discussions with the County over the Continuum of Care and any interim Joint Powers Authority agreement.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, Los Angeles Housing Department, and the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority, to report on the following:

1. The total number of interim housing beds in the Los Angeles region, broken out by City-funded, County-funded, and jointly funded;
2. The share of County-referred clients, especially DMH and DHS clients, currently placed in City-funded or City-sited beds;
3. An inventory of placement pathways that depend on LAHSA-run coordinated entry that could be disrupted during a transition;
4. The County's interim housing capacity if City funded beds were no longer available to County referrals, and the potential gap;
5. Any legal commitments, such as the LA Alliance settlement or Measure A agreements, that would govern bed access after a separation of City and County resources; and
6. Options for a bed-sharing or reciprocal-access agreement that could preserve placements for both jurisdictions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, Los Angeles Housing Department, and other relevant departments, to report to Council with actions and resources required, such as staffing, to implement interim facility bed matching for City funded interim beds if there is a dissolution of LAHSA and a split between the City and the County.

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