

For Wednesday 10/21/26

MOTION

The largest portion of unhoused people in the Los Angeles region are found in the City of Los Angeles, with 25 percent of California's homeless population living in the City. The City has made extensive investments in housing, programs, and services to aid People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH), such that, for example, 91 percent of beds assigned to PEH countywide are located in the City. The City has also established the largest number of permanent supportive housing since the passage of Proposition HHH in 2016. In addition, the City is investing in new, innovative solutions to support and house more people such as the Alliance Time Limited Subsidy program. Yet the Board of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (COC), in the recent competitive process to designate leadership roles its operations, failed to recognize the significant contributions of the City and the importance of City engagement in the leadership process of the regional homelessness system by assigning all COC administrative roles to the County.

The competitive process for the COC administrative functions is deeply concerning, resulting in outcomes that are deeply problematic for unhoused people in the City. As a result, the Council requested at its meeting of October 14, 2026, that the City Attorney evaluate potential litigation to address concerns about the bidding process, as well as that City staff identify other pathways to ensure that the City can effectively and directly aid unhoused people.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to report on potential litigation options related to the Los Angeles Continuum of Care bidding process and other related matters concerning the regional homelessness response system; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and Los Angeles Housing Department to report on negotiations with the County to ensure meaningful City leadership and fair share of resources in the implementation of the homelessness response system and actions to initiate formation of a City-only Continuum of Care.

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