

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of operating a master lease program to expand the number of available units for individuals experiencing homelessness within Council District 5; and a proposed structure and potential funding sources for a citywide master leasing program; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the City Attorney and the Los Angeles Housing Department to prepare contract terms, program metrics and benchmarks, and other necessary program elements to implement the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) Master Leasing Program in the City, including master leasing of scattered sites, starting with a pilot program in Council District 5 or other feasible sites in the City, and report to Council in 60 days.
2. INSTRUCT the CAO to identify funding for the Master Lease Pilot Program and for a Citywide Master Lease Program in order to ensure that appropriate insurance policies can be purchased and to cover any other additional costs of the program.
3. REQUEST the City Attorney; and, INSTRUCT the CAO's Risk Management Team to evaluate the funding agreement between the County of Los Angeles and LAHSA, and the lease agreement between LAHSA, and the landlord to further identify risks and liabilities and to report to Council with recommendations of reconciling risks, if needed.
4. INSTRUCT the CLA and the CAO to report to Council on "backstop" costs that the City may be required to cover to pilot any master lease program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CLA. The CAO has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on February 7, 2024, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a CLA report relative to the feasibility of operating a master lease program to expand the number of available units for individuals experiencing homelessness within Council District 5; and a proposed structure and potential funding sources for a citywide master leasing program; and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, amendments were introduced by Councilmember Raman and Councilmember Blumenfield, the Committee then moved to approve the recommendations contained in the report, as detailed above, as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

RODRIGUEZ: YES
LEE: ABSENT

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