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The Council District 8 Navigation Center, located at 729 West Manchester Avenue, is a community resource that provides hygiene, storage, and case management services for individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The site also serves as a critical access point for the Coordinated Entry System, which provides the necessary resources and linkages to housing solutions for individuals experiencing homelessness. Located in an underserved neighborhood in South Los Angeles, this 5,700 square foot public facility was constructed with an investment of Proposition HHH Facilities Program funds and is operated with resources from the City's General Fund.

The Council District 8 Navigation Center is operated by Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS), a multi-service agency that has been serving vulnerable individuals since 1988 and has strong community connections in Service Planning Area 6, which includes South Los Angeles, Compton, Lynwood and Paramount. HOPICS staff offer weekday laundry service, showers, restrooms, storage, and linkages to other services to assist individuals experiencing homelessness. The Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget established a contract amount of \$799,900 annually for operating the navigation center. However, as the operations have progressed, there is a need to accurately adjust the budget to reflect the cost to manage the site, as well as to incorporate the need for additional response activities.


During the Fiscal Year 2024-25 annual budget process, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority submitted a budget request for an additional \$106,500 to allow for a five percent increase in salaries for staff at the Navigation Center, as well as for incorporating meal service at the site. Providing regular meals ensures that individuals experiencing homelessness have access to nutritious and sustaining food, addressing a fundamental need for their well-being. There is also the need to offer competitive wages to hire and retain employees, as well as to address multiple data and reporting expectations that are supported by administrative functions.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$106,500 from General City Purpose Fund No. 100-56, Account No. 000617 (Additional Homeless Services - Council District 8) be transferred and appropriated to the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) Fund No. 100-43, Account No. to be determined, for enhanced support services, which includes client meal service and an increase to staff salaries, at the Council District 8 Navigation Center.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAHD be instructed and authorized to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and request that LAHSA amend its subcontract with HOPICS and/or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAHD be authorized to make any technical corrections, clarifications, or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said correction / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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