

## MOTION



Homelessness in the City of Los Angeles has been a persistent crisis. Among those experiencing homelessness on any given night in Los Angeles, one in five of the Los Angeles Community College District's 230,000 students is homeless.

The office of Councilwoman Rodriguez partnered with the Youth Development Department on a successful federal community grant funding request to establish the L.A. Youth Ambassador Program - a nine-month pilot project that provides low-income college students with specialized training and paid work experience to connect fellow youth who are homeless or at risk of falling into homelessness to the supportive services they need to stabilize their lives. The program will provide 30 students with lived experience with \$1,000 monthly stipends to work part-time while maintaining full-time college enrollment. In turn, these students will serve as peer navigators conducting outreach, identifying system gaps, and providing service referrals to homeless and housing insecure youth of the community. In total, the program will serve 1,050 youth and will provide connections to housing, education, training, and employment support services.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$111,000 be transferred/appropriated from the Council Community Projects Line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 and designated for "Peer to Peer Homeless Youth Ambassadors (North Valley)" to the Youth Development Department Fund No. 100-19, Account No. 3040 (Contractional Services) to connect low-income college students who are homeless or at risk of falling into homelessness to supportive services and specialized training and paid work experience in Council District 7.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Youth Development Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to issue a request for proposals to solicit the provision of youth workforce development services for the Peer to Peer Homeless Youth Ambassadors Program for a performance period of up to three years starting at the initiation of the program, subject to the availability of funds, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

I FURTHER MOVE to authorize the Youth Development Department to negotiate and execute new contract(s) or contract amendment(s) with still-to-be-determined workforce development service providers, subject to the review of the City Administrative Officer and the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, and compliance with the City's contracting requirements.

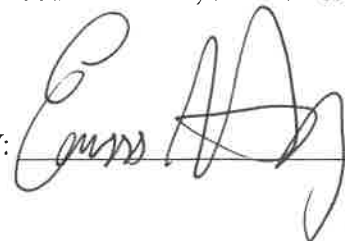
I FURTHER MOVE that the Youth Development Department consult and collaborate with the City of L.A. Workforce Development Board and the Economic and Workforce Development Department to ensure the planning and implementation of the Peer to Peer Homeless Youth Ambassadors Program is aligned with local workforce development strategic planning efforts.

I FURTHER MOVE to authorize the Youth Development Department to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and request the Controller to implement the instructions.

PRESENTED BY:

  
MONICA RODRIGUEZ  
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



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