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One of the primary factors exacerbating the homelessness crisis is the low supply of housing. In recent years, the City of Los Angeles has invested a significant amount of resources and effort towards developing the City's housing infrastructure, especially as it relates to affordable and supportive housing —this includes the \$1.2B in Proposition HHH funding which is supporting the development of close to 10,000 units, and the millions more that have been invested to purchase and convert hotels and motels for interim and permanent housing.

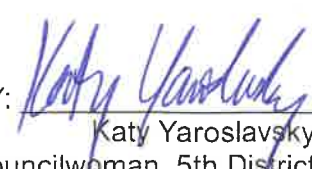
It has been a shared priority of the Mayor and the City Council to identify and pursue every reasonable housing solution to address the region's homelessness and housing crisis. In 2016, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) started to proactively assess City-owned lands as well as other public and private land for suitability for permanent affordable housing development, supportive housing development, and short term uses such as for interim housing and storage facilities. This assessment includes a review of the zoning and physical constraints, site history, funding commitments, and the potential impact of redevelopment on existing City services, operations, and cost estimates.

To date, the CAO has assessed more than a 1,000 City-owned and other publically owned properties as well as privately-owned properties. As feasible parcels and appropriate funding are identified, the City utilized sites for the development of interim and permanent housing. A key aspect of addressing the homelessness challenge is pooling together resources across sectors and building partnerships beyond traditional means. The City is now looking at more creative ways to outreach to property-owners in order to expand the resources and opportunities to support its housing needs.

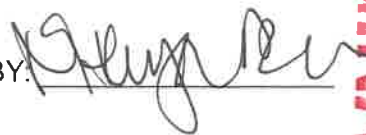
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the support of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), the Department of General Services (GSD), the Office of Finance, and other relevant city agencies to develop an online "clearing house" whereby landlords and property-owners in Los Angeles can express their interest in selling or leasing property to the City for use as interim, permanent supportive, or affordable housing.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO, with the support of LAHD, GSD, the Office of Finance, and other relevant city agencies report back within 60 days on the clearing house, recommendations for marketing the online portal to private property-owners, the process, timeframe, and metrics for assessing properties that are submitted through this process, any current funding sources available for the acquisition or leasing of property, and how this process will support the city's efforts at furthering the equitable distribution of affordable and supportive housing citywide.

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