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In recent months, the Homeless Strategies Committee (HSC) has endeavored to improve homeless system operations through analyses of the City's investments in Permanent Supportive Housing, Interim Housing, Time Limited Subsidies and Outreach. The data collected and analyzed as part of this effort came from many different sources, including the Los Angeles Housing Department, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority data dashboards, and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. As a result of this work, the City will have data on the impact of its nearly $1 billion investment in our regional homelessness response for the first time by May of this year.

The data from agencies that provide homelessness services and housing in the City is not uniform nor integrated into a cohesive system, often resulting in "data silos" or repositories of data that are mutually incompatible. Meaningfully integrating these various sources of data to uncover regional trends and correlations is crucial. This kind of data integration is vital given the City's responsibility to taxpayers and unhoused individuals to invest resources effectively towards resolving homelessness. The City should collect and analyze this data to ensure that resources and services are delivered to populations who need them most. When City programs do not have protocols for collecting, sharing, and integrating their data, the City loses a vital ability to improve service delivery and maximize its investments.

Comprehensive, rigorous data collection and analysis needs to be conducted in order to measure impact and ensure that the City's homeless services and prevention dollars are being effectively utilized. The integration of the various data collection systems that City departments utilize is an important step in building the City's ability to inform data-driven policies that better serve the different subpopulations of unhoused Angelenos.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to identify data silos and databases within City Departments and programs that may have a nexus to homelessness, but whose data are not captured in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, including but not limited to data from:
- Community Investments for Families Department programs, such as Family Source Centers, Service Centers funded under the Community Development Block Grant, and Survivor Services Programs.
- Economic and Workforce Development Department Programs, such as LA:RISE and other workforce development programs, including data reported by the WorkSource and YouthSouce Centers.
- LAHD's Permanent Supportive Housing portfolio, Street Medicine program, and United to House L.A. initiatives, including the Short-Term Rental Assistance Program and Income Support for Rent-Burdened At-Risk Seniors and Persons with Disabilities program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CLA to report back on which of these programs could be linked to the HMIS and/or shared with the County to enable regional data analysis, and which City agencies should be responsible for management of this effort.
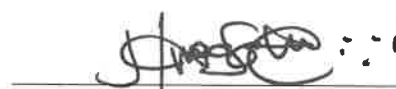
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CLA to report back on ways to incorporate data sharing as appropriate to all future contracts, and with recommendations to incorporate into these programs participant agreements that enable data collection and sharing, anonymized or limited as necessary to protect but not exclude immigrants or non-citizens, victims of domestic and intimate partner violence, and other vulnerable Angelenos, enabling more robust regional data analysis.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CLA to report back with recommendations to utilize Measure A data and accountability funds for the data collection, standardization, and sharing efforts described above.

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