

MOTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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On August 18, 2021, the City of Los Angeles entered into a contractual agreement with Ascencia, a non-profit benefit corporation, relative to outreach services for persons experiencing homelessness within the geographic boundaries of Council District 4, and pursuant to Council approval (C-138765). Further, on December 12, 2022, the Mayor declared a state of local emergency relative to persons experiencing homelessness, and pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code ("LAAC") Section 8.21 et seq., ("Declaration of Local Emergency").

In the context of the Declaration of Local Emergency, and in view of the contractor's proven track record, extensive familiarity with the District's geography, including but not limited to encampment locations, as well as familiarity with Council Office policies and procedures relative to homelessness outreach, the agreement was twice extended, in each case for a duration of approximately one year. The contract is again about to expire. The potential loss of Ascencia outreach services threatens to negatively impact trust and the working relationship between staff and the unhoused population in the District. Any loss of the contractor's services would make it harder to successfully place persons experiencing homelessness into housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to place on the Council Agenda for July 2, 2024, or as soon thereafter as possible, the following recommendations for adoption:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk, or designee, to execute a proposed third Amendment to Contract No. C-138765 between the City and Ascencia to extend the term by approximately one year for a revised term of approximately four years, effective June 15, 2021 through September 30, 2025, and subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney;
2. APPROPRIATE / TRANSFER \$255,341 from AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281204 (CD 4 Redevelopment Projects - Services) to the General City Purposes Fund No. 100, Dept. 56, Account No. 000903 (CD 4 Community Projects - Multi-Disciplinary Teams) to continue homeless outreach services in Council District 4 from June 15, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be authorized to make any 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 corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed and authorized to prepare, process, and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to Ascencia, 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.

PRESENTED BY:

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