

# MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

In 2015, the former Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA) property located 501 East 5th Street (Assessor Parcel No. 5147007901) was transferred to the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), as HCID is the designated successor housing agency for assets of the former CRA.

The site is immediately adjacent to the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) main offices at 401 San Pedro Street. DWC has a covenant agreement that restricts use of the site to 35 parking spaces for DWC staff, and DWC has the right of first refusal over the sale of the lot. DWC has been a life-saving resource for homeless women in Los Angeles since 1978 by providing interventions such as permanent supportive housing, health clinics, trauma informed care, and mental health and domestic violence services.

DWC has expressed interest in developing the site to include more supportive housing as well as an expanded DWC main office.

The site was initially purchased with CRA Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds (LMIHF), and therefore can only be developed into affordable housing. However, in order to develop the site, the parking covenant has to be revised.

The City has partnered with DWC numerous times over the years to elevate and serve the needs of homeless woman, and therefore, to make best use of the former CRA property, on behalf of the City Council, staff should enter into formal discussions with DWC to develop permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and/or other services as needed to serve the needs of homeless women in Skid Row.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council authorize the General Manager of the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), or designee, to negotiate and execute an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) and/or its limited partnership, for one year, with an option to extend for one year, to develop the City-owned parcel located at 501 East 5th Street (Assessor Parcel No. 5147-007-9001) into permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and/or other services as needed to address the needs of homeless women in Skid Row.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare any documents necessary to facilitate or implement the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with DWC for this property.

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