

In recent years, the City of Los Angeles has pursued a variety of strategies in an effort to address homelessness, including significantly increasing our shelter and housing capacity. These have included the passage of Proposition HHH in 2017 to fund 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH), the “Roadmap” agreement the City and County reached in 2020 to bring online 6,700 new beds, including both PSH and interim housing, and the purchase of hundreds of units through the state funded Project Homekey. However, the current rate of investment in both permanent and interim housing still falls short of what is needed for us to actually meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness on our city streets.

Between 2019 and 2022, the City brought thousands of beds and housing units online, leading to a count of 13,522 people in shelter in 2022—a 51% increase from three years earlier. Additionally, according to LAHD’s supportive housing tracker, 4,146 HHH permanent supportive housing units have been completed, with 4,986 under construction and more planned. But with more than 25,000 individuals still living without shelter, our investments have yet to match the scale of the crisis. The City must continue to grow its permanent and interim housing stock with a targeted strategy to address our most urgent needs.

Fully addressing homelessness in Los Angeles on an aggressive timeline will require a holistic investment strategy designed to produce housing capacity sufficient to make significant reductions in both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. This strategy must include a mix of interim and permanent housing resources, the scale and shape of which should account for the projected size of the population of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness year over year and the current processes in place to help individuals move from encampments into housing. This strategy will also enable us to make more precise requests from other levels of government for the resources the City needs to definitively address the crisis before us.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to report back in 30 days regarding a holistic investment strategy to create the permanent and interim housing needed to significantly reduce and ultimately end homelessness in the City of Los Angeles. The plan should include:

- Recommendations on the size of investment needed given the projected size of the population of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Los Angeles on a year by year basis;
- Recommendations on the housing typologies (permanent and interim) to target for investment;
- Projection of the number of housing units generated by investment;
- Projection of additional outside dollars the City will need to leverage; and
- Identification of funding gaps.

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