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HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

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Moving people who have been experiencing homelessness from the streets to interim housing and ultimately to permanent housing is a top priority for the City of Los Angeles. Each step is crucial to meet the unique needs of individuals and families, and a variety of permanent housing options throughout the City are needed.

Council District Three is the recipient of four Homekey housing projects - one Homekey 1.0 project, two Homekey 2.0 projects, and one Homekey 3.0 project, contributing to the 404 new Alliance permanent supportive housing units added in the district to provide a pathway for people experiencing homelessness. These sites are critical to success for people in the Roadmap interim sites and the units count toward the City's obligation for the Roadmap/Alliance permanent units. The management of these projects range from the City Administrative Officer, to the Los Angeles Housing Department, to the Mayor's Office.

One of the two Homekey 2.0 sites has endearingly been named the "Elderberry" as a permanent supportive housing site for local seniors experiencing homelessness. This welcomed housing resource is undergoing lease up, in which 55 units of the 144 units are on the path to receiving Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS) "supportive services" funded by the County of Los Angeles. The remaining 89 units will need funding for supportive services to enable CES Alternate per CF 23-0281.

Due to challenges within "the Homelessness System," staff of the Third Council District has been actively managing the system by working with interim site case managers to conduct "document readiness" and assessments, and requesting the assistance from LAHSA's "Strike Team" to complete the Universal Housing Application. This process required a lot of proactive effort by the Council Office and was complicated, and nevertheless, 36 individuals from the two interim "cabin" sites have tentative approval from the County of Los Angeles to receive supportive services as they move into permanent units at the Elderberry.

Due to the complex and/or ambiguous agreements in place related to how supportive services can be funded for the permanent housing units built in the City, and the lack of City input and/or oversight into the unit lease up approval process, a review of existing agreements are needed to gain greater clarity. The shifting CES policies are creating gaps in the system and placing service providers at risk, and additional resources are required to support permanent supportive housing operators.

I THEREFORE MOVE to instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Los Angeles Housing Department, to identify funding sources for supportive services at the Project Homekey 2.0 "Elderberry" site located at 20205 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills.

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