

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed nonprofit lease with Sycamores for the use of the City-owned space located at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Suite E, as part of the Crisis and Incident Response through the Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, Pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 371(e)(10) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10), that the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable and impractical for this contract:
 - a. Sycamores has been awarded the Crisis and Incident Response through the CIRCLE Program service contract through the Mayor's office and is uniquely positioned to implement and manage program operations at the City-owned facility at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard with said location to serve as the primary dispatch center for outreach coordination and service delivery to individuals experiencing homelessness, ensuring an efficient and immediate response to community needs.
 - b. Given Sycamores' expertise in behavioral health services, crisis intervention, and street-based outreach, as well as its alignment with the Mayor's initiative, it is the most qualified and capable entity to operate from this facility, maximizing program effectiveness and community impact.
2. AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to negotiate and execute a license agreement with Sycamores for the retail space located at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite E, Van Nuys, CA 91401 under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the April 7, 2025 Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no General Fund impact as this is a no-cost license agreement. Sycamores is responsible for utilities, janitorial services, maintenance, repairs, tenant improvements, and security costs for the licensed area.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 23, 2025, your Committee considered an April 7, 2025 MFC report relative to proposed nonprofit lease with Sycamores for the use of the City-owned space located at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Suite E, as part of the Crisis and Incident Response through the CIRCLE Program. According to the MFC, on February 12, 2025, Council adopted a Motion (Council File No. 25-0081) approving a no-cost license agreement with Sycamores to implement the CIRCLE Program for the Northeast San Fernando Valley service area. Although awarded the Mayor's CIRCLE Program service contract (Contract

No. C-200272) from December 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 for this service area, Sycamores does not yet have possession of the Premises. In the interim, it continues providing CIRCLE services for this area from their other locations.

The proposed license agreement will provide appropriate space in the area they serve, and aligns with the Mayor's Office of Safety service contract, renewed annually through the budget process through June 30, 2026. Sycamores will utilize the 1,088 square foot premises for dispatch operations, administrative functions, and outreach coordination. Additionally, the site will serve as a decompression center, providing temporary relief from extreme weather and offering food, water, and service referrals to individuals experiencing homelessness.

The premises are currently occupied by the City's former service provider, Urban Alchemy. The CIRCLE Program consists of two key components: 1) Unarmed Alternative Response – Responding to non-emergency 911 calls involving individuals experiencing homelessness; and 2) Homeless Outreach Teams – De-escalating conflicts, making service referrals, and performing light sanitation work within the homeless community.

Sycamores, formerly known as Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services, is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals and families facing significant challenges. With a history dating back to 1902, Sycamores provides a wide range of services, including mental health support, foster care and adoption programs, transitional living assistance for at-risk young adults, and homeless services. Their mission is to cultivate hope and resilience by delivering innovative, evidence-based care that strengthens individuals and communities. Through partnerships like the City of Los Angeles' CIRCLE program, Sycamores continues to expand its impact, offering compassionate and effective solutions for those in need. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the MFC report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Government Operations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
PADILLA:	YES
LEE:	YES
JURADO:	ABSENT

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