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City of Los Angeles
City Council

Re: council file number 20-0841

Dear Council President Martinez,

The current pandemic has laid bare the extreme vulnerabilities of persons experiencing homelessness, particularly those who are unsheltered and meet the CDC's guidelines for high risk. While we appreciate your motion to dedicate up to \$100 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in support of the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap, that commitment falls well short of what is needed to protect the health and safety of impacted persons.

On behalf of Shelter Partnership's board and staff, I exhort the City Council to commit \$200 million in CRF resources to shelter and re-house those most vulnerable to COVID-19. While we support your suggestion to incorporate the obligations and commitments under the recent federal settlement into the broader COVID-19 Recovery Plan, we cannot support partial funding of the plan. Such a commitment would be like funding shelter, but not permanent housing, or vice-versa. We need the plan, and all of its vital components, to be fully funded.

The results from the 2020 PIT Count, while frustrating given all of the coordinated funding and cross-jurisdictional efforts of the last few years, underscore the need to fully fund the recovery plan. If the City does not commit its full and fair share, the ambitious goals of the 15K plan will never be realized. And, a year from now, we will be regretting yet another increase in the PIT Count.

Thank you for your continued leadership on the issue of homelessness.

Sincerely,

Ruth Schwartz
Executive Director