

## HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

### MOTION

Beginning in 2019, the Paxton/Bradley Pilot Project looked to create a more streamlined and compassionate approach for taking a whole encampment community from outreach intake through housing placement. The “Paxton/Bradley Encampment,” as it was referred to due to its location beneath the SR-118 near the intersection of Paxton Street and Bradley Street, was composed of over 60 individuals living in tents and makeshift shelters along a pedestrian corridor. A collaboration between the City, County of Los Angeles Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office, and LA Family Housing, the pilot consisted of dedicated housing resources for the clients at that site, a committed outreach team whose approach was intentional, consistent, and measured, as well as weekly sanitation services, 5-day-a-week trash collection service, and mobile showers while clients awaited to be connected to available units.

The onset of COVID-19 availed hotel/motel rooms for housing vulnerable homeless individuals through Project Roomkey (PRK). This resource helped expedite the process of moving participants indoors in one large, multi-agency coordinated effort. Over a week-long operation, 67 people encamped at the site successfully moved into a PRK location and shelter sites. Not everyone left on the first available move out day--relationships built by outreach teams leveraged community leaders from within the encampment to encourage their peers to join them at PRK throughout the week.

Outreach workers provided guidance to Sanitation teams in delineating encampment boundaries for bagging and tagging multiple truckloads of materials for storage, in accordance with the law. In addition, 15 tons of waste was removed over Sanitation’s multi-day involvement. No property sent to storage was claimed beyond the 90 day period. More structured resident participation before and during the move out noting what items could be discarded could potentially help streamline Sanitation resources in future efforts.

The conditions at the Paxton/Bradley encampment are similar to those of many freeway underpass encampments the City is under Court Order to house and address. The Paxton/Bradley Pilot Project can therefore serve as a model for housing individuals and managing property collaboratively. The multi-agency approach and lessons learned should be reviewed and formalized into a standardized procedure.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) be requested to report to Council with Paxton/Bradley documentation protocols to be uniformly utilized by LAHSA and Service Planning Area (SPA) lead outreach teams for intake, tracking, and transitioning homeless individuals to shelter through housing operations in response to the Court Order issued by Judge Carter. The protocols should be developed in consultation with the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), in order to facilitate a more collaborative workflow and communication process for managing personal property.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that LASAN, in consultation with the City Attorney, be requested to report to Council with recommendations for the appropriate notification signage, documentation, and procedures for managing personal property at the conclusion of a housing operation at the locations subject to the Court Order issued by Judge Carter, and collaborate as needed with LAHSA to ensure a functional workflow for both agencies.

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