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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council supports this Motion by Councilmember Cedillo to reform the process by which Winter Shelters and Weather-Activated Shelters are planned and activated in the City of Los Angeles.

Echo Park Neighborhood Council  
Community Impact Statement  
**Council File 12-1690-S17**  
Position: Support

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council supports this Motion by Councilmember Cedillo to reform the process by which Winter Shelters and Weather-Activated Shelters are planned and activated in the City of Los Angeles. These resources must be geographically distributed in an equitable fashion based on the density of need and accessibility for residents experiencing homelessness. In addition, the City must be more nimble in opening additional emergency shelters in advance of all extreme weather events in either high or low temperatures.

Specifically:

- Alignment between the County and City operations with respect to these related programs is critical. Best practices that have allowed the County to quickly activate sites outside the City must be adopted and implemented within the City's boundaries.
- As the City will still be under pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic when the 2020-2021 Winter Shelter program year is slated to sunset on March 31, 2021, we must find ways to extend emergency shelter options such as this, wherever possible.
- Early planning for the next winter season (2021-2022) is critical to making sure that resources are maximized for equitable access across the entire City.