

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the authority to develop a new set of design standards to facilitate the construction of temporary housing units.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (De Leon - Blumenfield - Koretz - et. al):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of all other necessary departments, to evaluate what other California jurisdictions have done under the authority granted to them by Assembly Bill (AB) 2553 and based on this analysis, develop a new set of design standards that provides the most amount of design flexibility and reduces capital costs.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney, in coordination with the CLA, to draft an Ordinance establishing these new design requirements.
3. INSTRUCT that this matter be deemed an urgent necessity and that the CLA report and the draft Ordinance be transmitted to Council for review and approval within 30 days of the adoption of this motion.
4. REQUEST that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), prepare and present an Ordinance amending the relevant sections of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, as amended by the Homelessness and Poverty Committee, to:
  - a. Establish a definition for temporary structures for homeless housing.
  - b. Establish that during a Declared Shelter Crisis, the Chief of the LAFD, or their designee, is authorized to modify hydrant and access requirements as well as fire protection requirements for temporary structures for homeless housing in order to accommodate additional units as needed, as long as the life and safety of the occupants are preserved.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY:

At a regular meeting held on February 25, 2021, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered Motion (De Leon - Blumenfield - Koretz, et. al) relative to the authority to develop a new set of design standards to facilitate the construction of temporary housing units. The Committee Chair offered an amendment for the Committee's consideration. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended adopting the Motion, as amended, as detailed in Recommendation No. 4 above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RIDLEY-THOMAS:	YES
DE LEON:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	YES

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