

RIDLEY-THOMAS AMENDMENT TO ITEM 1
Homelessness and Poverty Committee
August 12, 2021

The Citywide Street Engagement Strategy (Strategy) aims to ensure that the City of Los Angeles (City) deploys a coordinated and compassionate approach that thoughtfully engages and offers suitable interim and permanent housing and supportive services to those living within the public right of way. This Strategy is intended to build on and align with previous direction provided to City staff to develop improved outreach efforts, pursuant to Council Files 21-0329 (Krekorian-Price-Raman-Ridley-Thomas) and 21-0031 (Bonin-Raman-Harris-Dawson-Rodriguez-De Leon).

It is critical that we move forward with urgency, resources and intentionality to pilot this effort and demonstrate that we can successfully house unsheltered residents across the City.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt the recommendations outlined in the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) "Report Back: Street Engagement Strategy" as updated in the CAO presentation to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee on August 12, 2021 and codified in the Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report;
2. Direct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in coordination with the CAO, to ensure that the pending CLA report back to Council Files 21-0329 (Krekorian-Price-Raman-Ridley-Thomas) and 21-0031 (Bonin-Raman-Harris-Dawson-Rodriguez-De Leon) aligns with the Street Engagement Strategy; and
3. Direct the CAO and CLA, in coordination with multi-disciplinary teams staffed by homeless service provider non-profits, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation, and appropriate Department of Health, Mental and Public Health representatives to convene a working group to assess, select and triage one pilot location in each Council District to implement the Street Engagement Strategy and report back to the Homeless and Poverty Committee in February 2022 on the results and lessons learned; and
4. Direct the CAO, to work with Council Offices to fund Homelessness Roadmap projects, to ensure there are adequate resources to aid the unhoused individuals engaged through the street engagement process into suitable interim and permanent housing.