

MOTION


The City of Los Angeles partners with homeless service providers to help align City resources that can be helpful in facilitating encampment-to-home operations. One of the logistical challenges that can arise and influence a homeless individual's confidence in accepting a housing offer is whether or not they can access the personal belongings they cannot take with them when they move into their new housing placement. When encampment-to-home operations are underway, voluntary storage is an important tool that is often in short supply because of a limited number of voluntary storage facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles.

A major challenge in establishing additional, geographically distributed, voluntary storage facilities in the city is a lack of physical space within the City's portfolio with the necessary characteristics to accommodate this activity. In other instances, facilities that could potentially accommodate the storage may not be located in an area that is strategically located or accessible to the target population it is intended to serve.

However, within the private sector, there is an entire industry dedicated to providing facilities for the storage of private property. Therefore the City should investigate potential contracting opportunities with private storage facilities for a citywide, voluntary storage program in partnership with non-profit service providers.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst Office, the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) be instructed to report to the City Council with an analysis exploring the feasibility of contracting with private storage facilities and if feasible, commence contracting of such facilities to provide citywide distribution and access to storage. The report should identify cost estimations, a projected framework for implementation, a timeline, and other necessary partnerships to effectuate a voluntary storage program.

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