

STATUTORY EXEMPTION and HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT
relative to COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap funding.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DETERMINE the Crisis and Bridge Housing facility at 499 North San Fernando Road, which allows for leasing, construction, and the operation as temporary homeless shelter for people experiencing homelessness, is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(4) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as also reflected in California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15269(c); and under Public Resources Code Section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to the City's emergency homeless shelters.
2. APPROVE the recommendations in the revised subject City Administrative Officer (CAO) report, dated November 23, 2021, attached to the Council file, as amended as follows:
 - a. Instruct the CAO, in consultation with the affected Council Districts and the Bureau of Engineering, to report back in 45 days with a list of unfunded interim housing projects throughout the City including the number of units that the project will create as well as a rough order of magnitude capital cost of each project.
 - b. Amend Recommendation 13e (page 4 of the subject revised CAO report) to reduce the reprogramming amount to accommodate one to two additional storage pods.
 - c. Find financing options and look into whether all of the existing Roomkey options can be extended until the full time period that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will allow for full reimbursement.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations in the subject CAO report at this time. The recommendations in the CAO report will be funded with the City's General Fund approved for homelessness interventions, CARES Act, and the County's funding commitment in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22. Beginning in FY 2022-23, the annual cost of the City's share of ongoing operations and services for approved Roadmap interventions is estimated to be \$55,052,700, and the annual cost for approved ABH interventions not included in the Roadmap is estimated to be \$9,255,800, for a total of \$64,308,500. This annual cost will likely be reduced because of early conversion of Project Homekey sites to Permanent Supportive Housing and will be updated in a future report. Funding for these costs could be covered by the State's HHAP and HHAP2 grants.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in the subject CAO report comply with the City Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment waived consideration of the above matter)

SUMMARY:

At a special meeting held on November 29, 2021, the Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered a Statutory Exemption, Department of Public Works and City Administrative Officer reports relative to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis and recommendation that the Crisis and Bridge Housing facility located at 499 North San Fernando Road, which allows for leasing, construction, and the operation as temporary homeless shelter for people experiencing homelessness, be determined to be statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(4) as specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as also reflected in CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c); and under PRC Section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to City's emergency homeless shelters; and, the ninth report regarding the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap funding recommendations.

During the discussion, representatives from the CAO provided background information on this matter. The members asked various questions and introduced amendments to the CAO recommendations. The amendments introduced by the Committee Chair, Councilmember Blumenfield and Councilmember Raman are detailed in Recommendation No 2 a,b and c, above.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the recommendations in the revised CAO report, dated November 23, 2021, as amended. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
DE LEÓN:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES

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