

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

MOTION

Services provided to persons experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles are managed through an extensive network of contracts between the City, the County, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and hundreds of private service providers. Hundreds of millions of dollars are allocated to provide the full range of services, including outreach, various Interim Shelter options, and hygiene services.

One of the major concerns in the homelessness response system is that funds are not distributed in a timely manner. Due to delays in contracting procedures, service providers may be required to provide services for months without having received any funding. As a result, some service providers are forced to use credit and other financing tools, which can be costly, to ensure that they are able to pay their bills and continue their essential work. This uncertainty contributes to staffing shortages as service providers do not have a stable source of funds to support their staff.

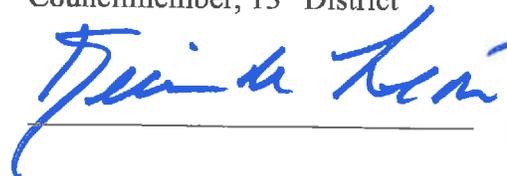
The City must identify the causes of funding delays in current contracting procedures and ensure that service providers under contract by LAHSA or other agencies receive funding in a timely manner. Action is needed to immediately address delays in providing funding and procedures need to be established to monitor and improve the performance of all contracting procedures.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Housing Department, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer, and City Attorney, to evaluate contracting procedures with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and recommend procedures to ensure timely payment to service providers.

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