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As of the last Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) "Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count", there are at least 66,436 people in Los Angeles County experiencing homelessness. With the recent passage of measures HHH (City, 2016) and H (County, 2017), augmented by State and Federal dollars, there are approximately 24,616 beds available, a 57% increase over the last 4 years. These shelters are all paired with varying degrees of services and programming, most often run by contractors with guidelines set by LAHSA.

Following the adoption of the State "A Bridge Home" (ABH) program in 2019, the City immediately opened the Hollywood ABH shelter site at 1533 Schrader Blvd lot 649, providing for 72 men and women previously living on the streets of the neighborhood. As of the end of January 2022, there were approximately 27 people onsite - all in need of urgent substance abuse and mental health assistance that are not currently being provided.

According to LAHSA's "scope of services" for all A Bridge Home sites, these locations are required to provide a safe, low-barrier, housing first, housing-focused, and "supportive twenty-four (24) hour residence...based on the vulnerability level of the individual person, with the most vulnerable prioritized". Indeed, the provider is mandated to connect individuals with county programs, in addition to providing certain onsite services.

The Departments of Mental Health and Public Health provide intensive services through various programs such as Alternative Crisis Response (ACR), the Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT), and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) section, for all city and county residents. Together, these programs serve as examples of the type of assistance that LA City / County residents have at their disposal - especially those living at congregate or non congregate shelters, such as at Schrader.

The City needs to ensure that such life saving taxpayer funded programs are indeed being delivered, especially for people experiencing homelessness. To accomplish that, the CAO should review and assess the situation at Schrader and all ABH, Safe Parking, Tiny Home and all other congregate and non-congregate shelter sites to ensure that substance abuse programming, mental health and behavioral health services, and all other taxpayer funded options are being provided in a humane and compassionate manner.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council DIRECT the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Homelessssness Service Authority, and the Los Angeles Housing Department, to review and assess, with recommendations for improvement, all county DPH and DMH services, including but not limited to: substance abuse, mental and behavioral health, housing navigation, crisis & conflict resolution for "A Bridge Home", "Tiny Home Villages", "Safe Parking" and all congregate and non congregate shelters, citywide.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of LAHSA, request feedback and comments from congregate and non congregate shelter operators citywide as stated, specific to the delivery of county DPH and DMH services for all clients experiencing homelessness.

I FURTHER MOVE that this report also includes information on any agreements for service delivery, including any thresholds, for all County services at congregate and non-congregate shelters as stated, specific to the delivery of county DPH and DMH services for all clients experiencing homelessness.

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