

MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

As part of the City's response to the homelessness crisis, the City has opened thousands of interim and permanent housing units through programs such as the State's Project Roomkey and Project Homekey programs, and through the opening of Tiny Home Villages. While good progress has been made, there remains a significant need for new housing solutions. The City and Council District 14 must continue to take advantage of opportunities to develop housing to address unsheltered homelessness.

Currently, there is an opportunity in the Skid Row area of downtown that would allow the City to enter into a Master Lease with the Cecil Hotel apartments. This arrangement includes different scenarios to provide homeless services, and to manage and fund the units, including connecting some of the residents with housing vouchers to subsidize the lease cost in eligible units.

Given the overwhelming need to address unsheltered homelessness in the City, including in Skid Row, the City should evaluate and outline a potential program with the Cecil Hotel to create temporary homeless housing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council direct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of Los Angeles Housing Department, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Department of General Services, and other City Departments as needed, to provide a report outlining a program for a temporary homelessness shelter agreement at the Cecil Hotel that would provide for placement of individuals in the hotel's housing voucher program.

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