MOTION

As our City continues to invest resources towards addressing the humanitarian crisis of homelessness unfolding on our streets, it is crucial that we regularly report on and evaluate the efficacy of our programs, funding, and policy. Embracing a data-driven approach to identify best practices can ensure continuous improvement of our methods and support our ability to best serve all Angelenos, especially the unhoused. Our City has previously acknowledged the importance of this approach (e.g. Council Files 16-0986 and 20-1151), and we must continue to incorporate these practices moving forward.

Until relatively recently, interventions for unhoused Angelenos were primarily needs-based, meaning services and housing resources are prioritized based on an individual's or family's vulnerability. Another practice that has increased in use over the last few years is the place-based intervention, wherein a specific site or encampment is targeted for increased services and housing resources. While place-based interventions have become more common across the City, reporting on them has remained minimal, especially with regards to data on the longer term outcomes for the unhoused individuals involved as well as overall assessments of Citywide practices and lessons learned.

As our City's reliance on place-based interventions continues to increase, we must embrace a data-driven approach that informs our future efforts, including the balance between our investments in these kinds of interventions and investments in needs-based interventions. We also know from the minimal reporting that we do have that these place-based interventions can vary significantly in terms of cost, timeline, initial housing success, long-term housing retention, and involvement from various City and County entities including service providers, sanitation, law enforcement, and more. We must study and compare the successes and setbacks of these interventions to improve future endeavors and increase housing success and retention, streamline costs, and improve the quality of life for Angelenos, both housed and unhoused.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to release monthly reports for one year following any place-based intervention in the City involving more than ten unhoused individuals, with such reports detailing aggregated and anonymized data on current placements for the persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) involved, including the total number of people:

- In permanent housing via reunification;
- In permanent supportive housing (PSH);
- In other, non-PSH, permanent housing;
- In shared housing;
- In safe parking;
- In congregate shelter;
- In motels or hotels;
- In other non-congregate shelter;
- In other interim housing;
- Enrolled in transition age youth programs;
- Exited from initial housing placement and exit destinations;

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- Who have returned to the street;
- Who had no housing placement or were disconnected from providers; and
- Who have passed away.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request that LAHSA, with support from the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and other relevant departments, report back every six months on best practices learned from previous placed-based interventions and with recommendations to improve our City's policies regarding such interventions with the goals of:

- Increasing initial housing placement success and housing retention;
- Increasing coordination with relevant County departments;
- Increasing voluntary program participation from PEH;
- Increasing the deployment of resources and services that remove barriers for PEH;
- Reducing overall intervention costs;
- Reducing involvement between PEH and law enforcement; and
- Reducing displacement to other areas.

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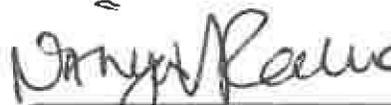
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