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To save lives and restore Los Angeles neighborhoods, it is imperative that the City accelerate and improve its efforts to move unhoused people living in encampments indoors and provide the wrap-around services necessary to help people transition from temporary housing to permanent housing and long-term stability.

To this end, Mayor Karen Bass issued on December 12, 2022, and the City Council ratified on December 13, 2022, a Declaration of Local Emergency related to the City's homelessness crisis to accelerate and streamline the City's response to the crisis, including building, renting and acquiring of temporary and permanent housing and the procurement of services, and to mobilize local resources and seek assistance from other cities, Los Angeles County, the State of California and the Federal government.

Further, on December 21, 2022, Mayor Bass signed Executive Directive No. 2, which officially launched the Inside Safe Initiative to implement a citywide, proactive and housing-led strategy to move people experiencing homelessness in encampments, tents, RVs or without shelter into interim and permanent housing with expanded and enhanced outreach, engagement and critical services.

The initial pilot phase of Inside Safe began immediately and with unprecedented cooperation among local government (including City Council offices), service providers, and other partners. In this initial pilot phase, the Mayor's Office, with input from service providers, and with the support of the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), developed a framework for the initiative that includes the following activities at each Inside Safe location: encampment canvassing; robust outreach and engagement; voluntary property storage; transportation to hotels or motels, interim housing or permanent housing; traffic control for the safety of everyone involved; support for any special needs and accommodations; voluntary trash disposal and hazardous waste removal; a coordinated response to people living in their vehicles; data collection and analysis; and appropriate referrals and service connections for higher acuity individuals.

The Inside Safe Executive Order calls for an assessment of encampments citywide and the creation of a plan to address them, prioritizing those most chronic and most in need. To support the implementation of this citywide, proactive approach, the City Council should establish a new Homelessness Emergency Account in General City Purposes, designate the Mayor as its administrator, and instruct the Controller to transfer funds into that new account. Consistent with other accounts in General City Purposes, the Mayor, as administrator, would have the authority to spend from this account in a manner consistent with the purposes identified without further approval. Further, to

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ensure that the funds are effectively achieving their identified intent, the CAO should be required to present biweekly reports including an accounting of the funds spent from this account and outcomes achieved related to housing individuals.

The City Council approves an initial appropriation to the Homelessness Emergency Account of from the General City Purposes COVID-19 Emergency Response Account and a transfer of \$22,771,662 from the General City Purposes Additional Homelessness Services Account.

The \$23,462,698.25 transfer from the COVID-19 Emergency Response Account represents the full current balance in that account. The City established that account in March 2020 to provide a funding source for the Mayor to take immediate action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic during the period of the declared local emergency (C.F. 20-0147-S46). In December 2022, Mayor Garcetti released a Notice of Termination of the Local Emergency, which the City Council confirmed through a resolution. As a result, the declared local emergency will terminate on January 31, 2023. As the declared local emergency is nearing its end, it is appropriate to close this account and reappropriate the funds for other emergency purposes.

The current balance in the Additional Homeless Services Account is \$37,771,662. That account, which the City Council and Mayor jointly administer, provides one-time funding for homelessness programs to fund gaps in the City's effort to address the homelessness crisis. Thus, using this account for the Homelessness Emergency Account is consistent with its intended purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, instruct the Controller to establish a new Homelessness Emergency Account within General City Purposes, Fund 100/56, Account No. TBD, to be administered by the Mayor for the purpose of implementing the initial pilot phase of Inside Safe, with funds to be expended by the CAO as authorized and directed by the Mayor.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, instruct the Controller to transfer \$23,462,698.25 from General City Purposes, Fund 100/56, COVID-19 Emergency Response Account, Fund, No. 000955, to General City Purposes, Fund 100/56, Homelessness Emergency Account, No. TBD.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, instruct the Controller to transfer \$26,537,301.75 from General City Purposes, Fund 100/56, Additional Homeless Services Account, No. 000931, to General City Purposes, Fund 100/56, Homelessness Emergency Account, No. TBD.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct and/or request the following departments to provide weekly updates to the CAO with outcome data on homeless outreach and engagements, referrals, and placements, expenditures, and other metrics and data as requested by the CAO:

1. Los Angeles Housing Department
2. Department of Transportation
3. General Services Department
4. Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles
5. Department of Public Works and all relevant bureaus
6. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO to report every two weeks to the City Council on the current status of the Homelessness Emergency Account, the transactions that have been approved in the prior two weeks, and the outcomes that the use of funds have achieved related to housing individuals and that this reporting continues until the termination of the Declaration of Local Emergency.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO, in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, to report back in 45 days with an update on the Inside Safe Initiative, that includes, but is not limited to, the following: total number of people housed in permanent and temporary shelters, cost, the types of services rendered, program outcomes, and the involvement of non-profit organizations and government agencies.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council authorize the CAO to make any technical changes and/or prepare any Controller instructions in order to effectuate the intent of these actions, and authorize the Controller to implement those instructions.

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