STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15269(c), PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (PRC) SECTION 21080(b)(4), and PRC SECTION 21080.27 (AB 1197); HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to lease extension for continued use of the Crisis and Bridge Housing at 1215 North Lodi Place, 711 North Alameda Street (El Puente), and 11303 Pershing Avenue (West LA - VA Campus); and the 15th report regarding COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap funding recommendations; and related matters

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. DETERMINE the actions that allow for the lease extension and continued use of the Crisis and Bridge Housing sites at 1215 North Lodi Place, 711 North Alameda Street (El Puente), and 11303 Pershing Avenue (WLA VA Campus) are statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act under PRC Section 21080(b)(4), as specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as also reflected in the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c); and under PRC Section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to City of Los Angeles homeless shelters, as referenced in the Notice of Exemption dated January 26, 2023, attached to Council file No. 20-0841-S30.
- 2. APPROVE Recommendation Nos. 1 through 25 and Nos. 27 through 30, contained in the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated January 26, 2023, attached to Council file No. 20-0841-S30.
- 3. REPLACE Recommendation Nos. 7 and 16 contained in the CAO report dated January 26, 2023, attached to the Council file, respectively, with the following:
 - 7. REQUEST the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to amend its Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 operation contracts with The People Concern in the amount of \$707,752.92 to reimburse for the operations costs gap for FY 2021-22.
 - 16. AUTHORIZE the transfer of up to \$72,000 of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 2 (HHAP-2) Fund No. 64J/10, Account No. 10V753, CD 15 600 East 116th Place Tiny Home Village (THV) to HHAP-2 Fund No. 64J/10, in a new account entitled "6073 North Reseda Boulevard THV Pallets", of which \$72,000 has been expended and encumbered under a Purchase Order for pallet shelters that were meant for the project at 600 East 116th Place in Council District 15 and that will now be used for the THV at 6073 North Reseda Boulevard in Council District 3.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommendations in this report at this time. The recommendations in this Report will be funded with the City's General Fund approved for homelessness interventions Additional Homeless Services - General City Purposes as well as: HHAP-2; Emergency Solutions Grant - CARES Act; and the County service funding commitment from FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23.

<u>Financial Policies Statement</u>: The CAO reports that the recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that budgeted funds and grant funds are being used to fund recommended actions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

<u>SUMMARY</u>

At the meeting held on February 1, 2023, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered CAO and Bureau of Engineering reports relative to lease extension for continued use of the Crisis and Bridge

Housing at El Puente, and West LA - VA Campus; and CEQA exemption determinations that, consistent with the Notices of Exemption already in the City Council's prior actions (Council file Nos.19-0877, 18-0044 and 18-0510-S1 respectively); the projects are statutorily exempt under PRC Section 21080(b)(4) as specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as also reflected in CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c); and under PRC Section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to City of Los Angeles emergency homeless shelters; and the 15th report regarding COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap funding recommendations; and related matters

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the CAO report, as detailed above, as amended. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

MEMBER YOTE
RAMAN: YES
BLUMENFIELD: YES
HARRIS-DAWSON: YES
RODRIGUEZ: YES
LEE: YES

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