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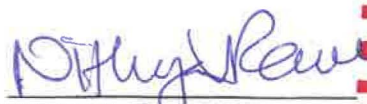
According to the 2022 Point-in-Time Count, the City of Los Angeles has 41,980 people experiencing homelessness on any given day. The 2022 PIT Count also shows that 25 percent of the homeless population are suffering from serious mental illness.

In California, people experiencing serious mental illness are often looked after in “board and care” facilities, known as Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly and Adult Residential Facilities, or eldercare facilities. These locations provide 24 hours constant care to people that may otherwise be homeless. These facilities are largely funded by the Social Security income from each individual client, and then augmented by State Supplementary Payment for each person. Funding sources for these facilities have not always been stable and ongoing, causing these facilities to close due to lack of operating and maintenance funds. According to a Los Angeles Times article from 2022, Los Angeles County has lost approximately 1,687 board and care beds since 2016.

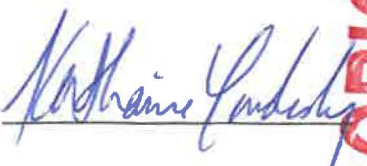
The current municipal code for eldercare facilities, Los Angeles Municipal Code 14.3.1 (L), states that if a facility is abandoned or discontinued for a continuous period of one year, it may not be re-established unless authorized in accordance with the procedures laid out in the Code. This creates an undue burden on eldercare facilities that seek to reopen because they have to go through a challenging process of getting authorization and approval from the Zoning Administrator. The facilities and their operators are already struggling to keep these essential services running for a very vulnerable population. It is important to remove any prohibitively burdensome requirements that introduce significant administrative cost for operators so that we can ensure that we preserve as many eldercare and board and care facilities as possible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance which would repeal the Los Angeles Municipal Code 14.3.1 (L) which currently imposes a series of requirements to re-establish eldercare facilities that have been abandoned or discontinued for a year so that the City can remove barriers to preserve eldercare facilities.

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