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 a lease extension between the City and Special Service for Groups, Inc. dba HOPICS, for the "A Bridge Home" (ABH) interim housing site located at 5965, 5971 and 5975 South Saint Andrews Place in Council District 8.

Recommendations for Council action:

- DETERMINE that the interim housing project involved in this approval is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to PRC Section 21080(b)(4) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency as also reflected in CEQA Guideline Section 15269(c); PRC Section 21080.27 (AB 1197) applicable to City of Los Angeles emergency homeless shelters.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a lease amendment agreement with HOPICS for the extension of the ABH site located at 5965, 5971 and 5975 South Saint Andrews Place in Council District 8 to continue operating an interim housing site under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the GSD report dated June 29, 2023 contained in the Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report dated July 5, 2023, attached to Council file No. 20-1524-S1.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement</u>: The MFC reports that there is no anticipated General Fund impact, as this is a zero cost lease. On June 12, 2023, the Mayor concurred with the Council's approval of the City Administrative Officer report, attached to Council file No. 20-1524-S1, regarding the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 3 grant for \$2,196,000 to fund operations of the ABH site through June 30, 2024. Future operating costs for the ABH site may be funded with HHAP monies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

<u>SUMMARY</u>

At the meeting held on August 2, 2023, your Housing and Homelessness Committee considered a MFC report relative to a lease extension between the City and Special Service for Groups, Inc. dba HOPICS, for the A Bridge Home interim housing site located at 5965, 5971 and 5975 South Saint Andrews Place in Council District 8.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the MFC report, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

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

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