

MOTION

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Along a block and a half stretch of Cotner Avenue, which runs parallel to the 405 Freeway in the Fifth Council District, are three City-owned properties - the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Distribution Station #28 at 11171 Nebraska Avenue, the Bel Air District Maintenance Yard at 11165 Missouri Avenue, and the West Los Angeles Sewer Maintenance Yard at 11168 Missouri Avenue.

Community stakeholders have raised the idea of temporarily closing a portion of Cotner Avenue that fronts the City-owned properties for the purpose of providing temporary homeless housing using either the Recreational Vehicles (RVs) that were previously deployed during the COVID-19 pandemic and that since have been donated to Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) or other similar resource.

Since assuming office in December 2022, Council District Five has worked to identify and analyze credible opportunities to increase the availability of homeless housing in the district, which remains in drastically short supply. As such, the feasibility and cost of this proposal should be fully examined.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the City Administrative Officer (CAO), in conjunction with the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), report back within 45 days on:

- The feasibility of temporarily closing all or a portion of Cotner Avenue between Nebraska Avenue and the southerly end of the West Los Angeles Sewer Maintenance Yard at 1924 Cotner Avenue for the purpose of standing up temporary homeless housing using RVs;
- The projected cost to develop the site and an estimate of the annual costs to operate the site, inclusive of utility services, hygiene and sanitation facilities, security, service provision, and potential funding sources to cover these costs;
- The departmental approvals and processes needed to implement this proposal; and
- A timeline for project approval and site preparation, including a target operational date.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Street Services, the Bureau of Sanitation, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to report back within 45 days on their utilization of the properties located at 11165 Missouri Avenue, 11168 Missouri Avenue, and 11171 Nebraska Avenue, respectively, including the required ingress and egress for staff and vehicles on-site;

I FURTHER MOVE that if the CAO determines that the potential intervention is feasible, the City Council requests that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), in conjunction with the CAO and the street-based outreach teams in the area, and with requested input from the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative and the Los Angeles Mayor’s Office of Housing and Homeless Solutions, develop a plan for engaging the current unhoused residents along Cotner Avenue in order to transition them into the facility and to minimize displacement into the surrounding communities.

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