

CATEGORY: Policy

COMMITTEE: PHS & Homeless

PURPOSE: CIS for Council File: 21-0863

BACKGROUND:

Combine Los Angeles city rental subsidies with Los Angeles County mental health services to provide supportive housing for homeless individuals with mental health issues.

THE MOTION:

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst seek to work in partnership with the County of Los Angeles' (County) Chief Executive Officer and the County's Director of the Department of Health Services to:

1. Support the implementation of the City of Los Angeles' Street Engagement Strategy and Right to Housing framework by identifying funding to increase flexible rental housing subsidies through a partnership with the County's Department of Health Services that targets clients in the City of Los Angeles who have significant health and mental health needs (Housing Now Program);
2. Direct the City Administrative Officer with the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Housing Department, to report to the Los Angeles City Homelessness and Poverty Committee within 30 days on the operating or rental subsidy needs of the current pipeline of interim and permanent supportive housing, including projects in the Roadmap, Homekey Round 1, HHH projects, other City-funded Supportive Housing Projects, and prospective Homekey Round 2 projects; and
3. Report back to the Los Angeles City Homelessness and Poverty Committee in 30 days with recommendations to create the Housing Now Program, memorialized by a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County of Los Angeles, with the objective of doubling the program by creating a minimum of 10,000 ongoing flexible housing subsidies.

The MVCC opposes Council File 21-0863 unless the following conditions are met:

1. Housing subsidies paid for by taxpayers of Los Angeles should not be provided to individuals who arrived in Los Angeles in the past 36 months.
2. Supportive housing for individuals with serious mental health issues should not be located in residential neighborhoods with children and schools within 1000ft.
3. Drug addiction treatment should be required for any individuals with drug addiction in order to receive tax-payer subsidized housing.

The MVCC approves and adopts the Outreach Mission Statement with amendments:

To create and disseminate content through traditional, social, and electronic media that educates and informs Mar Vista stakeholders of all aspects of the Mar Vista Community Council; including, but not limited to, increasing awareness of and participation in its functions, duties, and decisions.