

POLICY MOTION

COMMITTEE: PH&S Homeless Committee

TITLE: Motion to Request that the City Council, Los Angeles City Planning and City Attorney Address Community Concerns Regarding any Amendments to Certain LAMC Sections as Moved in CF 22-0158.

PURPOSE: To Request that the City Council, Los Angeles City Planning and City Attorney Address Community Concerns Regarding any Amendments to (1) LAMC Sections 12.03; 12.80 and 12.81 to allow “shelters for the homeless” and other forms of interim housing to be established and operated on properties located outside of R3 RAS3, R4, RAS4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2 and M3 zones during a declared shelter crisis and (2) any amendment to LAMC Section 14.00 to streamline the administrative approval of “shelters for the homeless” as a public benefit project and (3) options that identify a streamlined processes to allow existing and new emergency temporary shelters to extend their operation or be made permanent in order to provide greater certainty on potential future operation under LAMC.

BACKGROUND:

On or about February 24, 2022, the MVCC submitted to the City Council “A Letter and a Community Impact Statement Against Council File: 22-0158”. Then on May 10, 2022, CF 22-0158 passed in the LA City Council PLUM Committee and there will be a pending hearing/vote in a future City Council meeting.

Before any further action is taken by the City Council, the PH&S Homeless Committee requests that the City Council, Los Angeles City Planning and City Attorney consider certain requests of the community, as stated in the body of the motion herein, when drafting and considering the motions in council file item CF 22-0158.

THE MOTION:

PH&S Homeless Committee requests that the City Council, Los Angeles City Planning and City Attorney take into account the below requests when drafting and considering the motions in council file item CF 22-0158:

- Consideration of automatically including LAMC (Los Angeles Municipal Code) 41.18 protections on any location providing a homeless shelter and authorized pursuant to a declared shelter crisis or emergency.
- Consideration of mandatory CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) compliance (i.e., among other things, to inform decision makers and the public about the potential environmental impacts of proposed projects, and to reduce those environmental impacts to the extent feasible.).
- Consideration of consequences of “cutting red tape” by removing the public’s right to a transparent approval process including right to notification and the opportunity for public comment, including early notification to NCs and recognized CCs.
- Consider the differences and effects of allowing shelters in R1 zones as proposed versus the existing ordinances allowing them in R2 & R3 zones.
- Consideration of the effects of limiting shelters within a reasonable radius of sensitive sites such as parks, schools, and daycares.

DIRECTED TO:

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Los Angeles City Council; Councilmember Mike Bonin; Councilmember Nithya Raman, and the City Attorney.

ACTION/VOTE COUNT: