

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.

CF 21-0863, as written, is as follows:

"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."

Motion was returned to committee by board and amendments were made to comply with language used in current Municipal Code.

On September 8, 2021, the motion was made by Marton, seconded by Wheeler, approved 17 to 10, 1 abstention, abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

THE MOTION:

The MVCC opposes Council File 21-0863 unless the following conditions are met: August 11, 2021

1. Supportive housing for individuals with serious mental health issues should not be located near schools within 500ft.
2. Drug addiction treatment should be required and provided by a City agency or partner organization for individuals demonstrably using illegal substances in order to receive tax-payer subsidized housing.