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# Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

October 21, 2019

Mayor Eric Garcetti & the Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CIS SUPPORTING CF 19-0774

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) represents over 60,000 Los Angeles Stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in the neighborhood of Highland Park. We SUPPORT council file 19-0774 instructing the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, and other departments as necessary, to evaluate and report on the use of the parking lot located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street as temporary emergency facilities for people experiencing homelessness.

Northeast Los Angeles is historically and incredibly under-resourced to serve our homeless community. We have also been heavily preyed upon by speculative real estate investors which have caused massive displacement and in many cases homelessness. Our community members should be able to access homeless supportive services within the community they are from and feel most comfortable in. They should have the option to remain in their respective communities, supported by services and resources that facilitate their safety and have set plans and goals to work as a unit towards providing a safe haven. Highland Park is currently home to an increasing number of over 200 students experiencing homelessness in our public school system. We must support the utilization of any and all spaces available that will stabilize their home life in order for them to stay in their school, be offered equal opportunity towards their education, and succeed.

Therefore, we urge the City Council to take action to support the most vulnerable people in our Northeast community.

Sincerely,

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council