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Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

March 4th, 2021

Attn: Council President Nury Martinez, Councilmember Mark Ridley-thomas, Councilmember Kevin De Leon, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez

From: Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

RE: Support for 7541 North Figueroa / Arroyo Drive Unused Section (Apn 5492 021 900 Adjacent) / Temporary Homeless Housing ([CF 19-0774-S1](#))

Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers,

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports this [Motion](#) [Exhibit 1] proposed by Council Member Kevin de León of Council District 14 to provide temporary homeless housing for Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

Due to the urgency to provide housing regarding the increase in the unhoused population throughout Los Angeles, CD 14 and in North East Los Angeles in particular, this Motion requests that any available city-owned land be considered for homeless housing. Two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

This Motion requests:

- that the Bureau of Engineering, CLA and CAO, Dept of Recreation and Parks initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing on the parking lot located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street, and the unused section of Arroyo Drive located near Assessor Parcel Number 5492 021 900;
- that the CAO and Dept. of Recreation and Parks executive any agreements with SoCal Edison and the County of Los Angeles for 7541 N. Figueroa St. to begin the process of construction of temporary homeless housing;
- that the Dept of Recreation and Parks hear the matter within 30 days for consideration to approve usage of the N. Figueroa parking lot for temporary homeless housing;
- that priority for all units will be given to unhoused individuals in CD 14 starting with the neighborhoods of Eagle Rock and Highland Park, that LAHSA be instructed that unhoused individuals in Eagle Rock and Highland Park be given right of first refusal for the new units to be constructed at both sites; and
- that the CAO identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned sites.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council Vote: YES 18 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Estrella Sainburg', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Estrella Sainburg

President,

Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

MOTION **HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY**

The city's current homelessness crisis demands an "all hands on deck" approach. Currently, the city is spending tens of millions of dollars on emergency response and sanitation services to address the homelessness crisis. In order to solve this problem, the city must use all available land to house unhoused individuals.

Council District 14 has the largest concentration of unhoused individuals of any City Council District. In fact, Council District 14 alone is home to more unhoused individuals than in the entire City of San Jose or the City of San Diego. Due to the large number of unhoused people within the district, all available properties must be used to house our unhoused constituents. In Northeast Los Angeles, two locations have been identified that can provide temporary housing to the homeless of Eagle Rock and Highland Park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst, and Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to initiate the design process for temporary homeless housing on the parking lot located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street as well as the unused section of Arroyo Drive located adjacent to Assessor Parcel Number 5492021900.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Department of Recreation and Parks be authorized to execute any agreements with SoCal Edison and the County of Los Angeles for the property located at 7541 N. Figueroa Street in order to effectuate the construction of temporary homeless housing.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to hear this matter within 30 days for consideration of approval of the usage of the parking lot at 7541 N. Figueroa Street for temporary interim housing for people experiencing homelessness.

I FURTHER MOVE that upon completion of construction, priority for all units shall be given to unhoused individuals in Council District 14, starting with the neighborhoods that each site is located within;

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer and the Housing & Community Investment Department be instructed to modify any necessary contracts with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to ensure that homeless individuals in Eagle Rock and Highland Park are given right of first refusal for the new units to be constructed at both sites.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to identify the necessary funding to construct temporary homeless housing on the aforementioned sites.

PRESENTED BY



KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY



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