

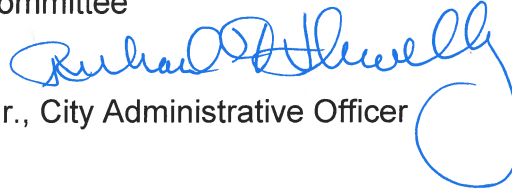
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Memo No. 89

Date: May 07, 2019

To: Budget and Finance Committee

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer

Subject: **LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY – RESOURCES FOR BATHROOMS AND SHOWERS**

During its consideration of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) 2019-20 Proposed Budget, the Budget and Finance Committee requested this Office to report on the resources provided in the Proposed Budget and additional resources that would be required to meet the need for bathrooms and showers for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The Proposed 2019-20 Homeless Budget provides a total of \$10,195,873 for bathrooms and showers, as detailed below:

- \$3,924,404 in LAHSA's Proposed Budget for the ReFresh Spot and for site-based restrooms and showers in the Skid Row area under the Operation Healthy Streets program;
- \$2,666,442 in the base budget of the Department of Recreation and Parks for 24-hour public restroom access in Venice and the Park Restroom Enhancement Program, which increases the frequency of restroom cleaning for 50 heavily-used park locations; and
- \$3,605,027 in HEAP funding recommendations (Council File 18-0628) to expand the Pit Stop Program and mobile shower access both in Skid Row and Citywide (the total approved for these purposes is \$7,210,053, which must be expended by June 30, 2021; \$3,605,027 is included in the Proposed Budget as anticipated expenditures in 2019-20).

In December 2017, this office released a report that analyzed different options to provide increased access to hygiene facilities to residents experiencing homelessness Citywide (Council File 17-1092). This report also presented data from the County of Los Angeles and LAHSA that determined that 152 encampments within the City had insufficient access to hygiene facilities. The annual cost for a Mobile Pit Stop site, which includes one standard toilet, one accessible toilet, and one accessible handwashing station, staffed by a trained attendant for 12 hours per day, seven (7) days per week, is \$339,043. The annual cost to operate a mobile shower trailer, which can serve five (5) encampments per week, is \$191,750. The operating cost to provide Mobile Pit Stop and mobile shower services to all of these 152 encampments would be \$57,478,786 annually. These estimates do not include any costs to the Board of Public Works to administer the programs, nor do they include the cost to purchase mobile shower trailers. Additionally, the Board of Public Works is currently reviewing

responses to a competitive Request for Proposals for the Pit Stop service and thus this cost is subject to revision.

The General Fund would be the only eligible City funding source to expand existing bathroom and shower programs or to add new ones.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

To comply with the City's Financial Policies, any addition to the 2019-20 Budget to expand bathroom or shower resources would require a corresponding increase in General Fund revenues or a corresponding reduction to General Fund expenditures.

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