

MOTION

There is a homelessness and shelter crisis in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2020 Point-In-Time Homeless Count, there are 28,852 unsheltered people experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles. During the winter we need to make every effort to stand up Winter Shelter Program sites and more importantly we must stand up and activate Augmented Winter Shelter sites when we know weather will be colder and wetter to help protect unsheltered people that are susceptible to hypothermia as well as associated maladies and at increased risk of serious and exacerbated health problems from exposure to temperature extremes.

Unfortunately, our Winter Shelter Program does not provide beds equitably across the City of Los Angeles and Augmented Winter Shelter sites are an opportunity to ensure equitable and geographic lifesaving access to emergency relief and respite beds by unsheltered people experiencing homelessness to receive shelter, food, and service provider engagement.

This past week, the County of Los Angeles activated their Augmented Winter Shelter sites from 1/22/21 to 1/30/21 in preparation of the forecasted storms. However, the City of Los Angeles did not activate our Augmented Winter Shelter sites and none of the County's beds were located in the City of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Office be directed to identify and report in 14 days the policy and procedures used by LA County Office of Emergency Management and Homeless Prevention Initiative compared to City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department and recommendations for alignment that allow the City of Los Angeles to use thresholds that take into consideration the totality of a situation including weather, citywide winter shelter sites, equity, and access to trigger activation of Augmented Winter Shelter sites to modify and improve activation during the current and future winter season.

I FURTHER MOVE that the that the City Administrative Officer with the assistance of the Housing and Community Investment Department and the LA Homeless Services Authority be directed to identify and report in 14 days the funding and facilities currently to support Winter Shelter Program sites and Augmented Winter Shelter sites for fiscal year 20-21 including the ability to expand site utilization beyond March 31, 2021 when these programs are set to end.

I FURTHER MOVE that the that the City Administrative Officer with the assistance of Recreation and Parks, the Housing and Community Investment Department and the LA Homeless Services Authority be directed to identify and report in 180 days the funding and facilities needed to open a Winter Shelter Program and Augmented Winter Shelter site for fiscal year 21-22 in every council district.

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