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## MOTION

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has claimed the lives of over 3,120 people in Los Angeles County as of June 21, 2020. The City's most vulnerable population during this pandemic is the homeless population. The latest Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count found that 41,290 people are homeless in the City, 70 percent of these are unsheltered. In addition, persons experiencing homelessness who are 62 years of age or older increased by 20 percent from the 2019 PIT.

The City in partnership with the State of California and the County of Los Angeles has responded to the COVID-19 by establishing shelters, using State trailers and leasing hotel rooms, through Project RoomKey, to house the homeless during the early stages of this crisis.

This COVID crisis, unfortunately, continues. In order to accomplish this task and as part of the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap, each Council District has started to develop plans to create a total of 6,000 beds as part of the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and LAHSA. The Council District-specific interventions will include interim housing facilities, such as a Bridge Home sites, pallet shelters, rapid rehousing, shared housing, safe camping plans, hotel leasing, acquisitions, and the repurposing of state trailers being used for the COVID-19 response. Beds in existing facilities that become available will also be prioritized for this population. In addition, A Bridge Home interim facilities and Proposition HHH units that are coming on line within the next several months will be also available and will count for this effort.

In order to implement these plans, the City Administrative Officer (CAO) is requesting that up to \$100 million in Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars be reserved for this purpose. The (CAO) will report back in 30 days on the overall plan and costs. The CAO is requesting that \$25 million of the \$100 million in CRF monies be allocated immediately so that the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and the Department of General Services (GSD) may begin to hire staff and consultants, conduct site assessments and environmental studies, order shelters structures, hygiene trailers, and other supplies needed for this effort. This motion also requests that all requirements for design, engineering and management support for construction contract awards be removed given the urgency of this process, which would permit BOE to award construction contracts following a negotiation. In addition, the motion requests that the competitive bidding for procurement be suspended for the GSD Procurement Division.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council reserve up to \$100 million in COVID -19 Federal Relief Fund monies for this initial effort, which is part of the COVID-19 Homelessness Roadmap;

I FURTHER MOVE that \$25 million of the \$100 million reservation from the COVID-19 Federal Relief Fund be allocated immediately to the Bureau of Engineering for staff and consultants, to initiate site assessment and environmental analyses, and to order shelter, hygiene trailers and other supplies;

I FURHTER MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed to place on the agenda on the first regular meeting on July 1, 2020, or shortly thereafter, the following instructions:

Authorize the Controller, subject to the Mayor to:

a. Establish a new accounts and appropriate funds within the COVID-19 Federal Relief Fund No. 63 M as follows:

Account

Account Name

**Amount** 

TBD

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\$22,500,000

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b. To transfer and appropriate the COVID Federal Relief Fund No. 63M to the Bureau of Engineering Fund 100/78 for staff and consultants, associated studies and supplies:

Account No

Amount

001010

\$500,000

003040

\$2,000,000

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council find and declare, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(5), that contracts for the procurement of items and contracts for construction necessary to construct temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness, and for those who are at risk of contracting COVID-19 and spreading the virus to others are of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health and property, and that there is an immediate need to make housing available to the homeless.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council hereby resolve that, during the time of the declared COVID-19 emergency, it suspends the competitive bidding requirements of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15 for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, for the award of design, project and construction management, construction and related services consulting contracts, and for the Department of General Services, Procurement Division, for the award of procurement contracts for temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness who are at risk of contracting COVID-19 spreading the virus to others.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of General Services, the Housing and Community Investment Department, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, report back within 30 days on the overall plan, including the estimated cost and strategies for implementing the plan, including a status update of HHH projects that would contribute to this effort and recommendations to ensure these projects stay on track.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO be authorized to prepare additional Controller instructions or make any necessary technical adjustments, consistent with the Mayor and Council action on this matter, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:

NURY MARTINEZ

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SECONDED BY: