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STORAGE PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (ITEM NUMBER 68-A, AGENDA OF JUNE 4, 2019)

On September 3, 2019, the Chief Executive Office-Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) submitted the 90-day report back in response to the Board of Supervisors' June 4, 2019, Storage Pilot Program motion that instructed the CEO-HI to work with the Departments of Public Health (DPH) and Public Works (DPW), the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and other relevant County departments to explore the feasibility of developing and launching pilot storage programs (Safe Storage) in Countywide locations where such programs might reduce public health and safety risks. As part of the initial report, the CEO-HI committed to provide an update in 60 days; this serves as the 60-day update.

The motion's directives are as follows:

- 1) A plan for Safe Storage Program (Program) implementation;
- Identified Program locations;
- Tools to measure the outcomes of the Program;
- Program costs and funding recommendations; also,
- 5) Include any other strategies that could be used to reduce public health and safety risks associated with lack of adequate storage facilities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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As reported in September, the Storage Pilot Program (Program) workgroup facilitated by the CEO-HI and consisting of the agencies listed above has accomplished the following to date:

- Developed a plan for implementation of the Program;
- Developed tools to measure outcomes of the Program;
- Identified Program cost and received approval of funding for the first six months of operations via the FY 2019-20 Supplemental Budget process. Ongoing funding to support the Program beyond FY 2019-20 will be sought via the Measure H Funding Recommendations process; and
- Identified the Housing for Public Health Program as a means to connect people experiencing homelessness to supportive services and shelter/housing.

With regards to siting program locations, three potential locations were identified, but unfortunately, the locations were ultimately deemed not to be viable.

The workgroup will continue to explore potential sites with the goal of having one site in each Supervisorial District. The CEO will collaborate with the Homeless Policy Deputies regarding Program siting and will submit another report to the Board in July 2020. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Phil Ansell, Director, Homeless Initiative, at (213) 974-1752 or by email at pansell@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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