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**AUGUST 7, 2018**

**Implementing Sustainable Solutions to Assist People Living in Vehicles**

On January 30, 2018, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Hahn that instructed the Directors of the Departments of Public Works (DPW), Public Health, Regional Planning, and the Chief Executive Office's (CEO) Homeless Initiative, in coordination with the Sheriff, County Counsel and nonprofit community-based homeless service providers, to report back in 60 days with sustainable solutions to assist individuals living in vehicles in the unincorporated communities of West Rancho Dominguez, Rosewood, and Willowbrook, where there has been a growing concentration of people living in vehicles over the past decade.

An interagency team that included the above-mentioned departments and community-based homeless service providers convened regular meetings and collaboratively developed a series of recommendations that were included in the report-back issued by DPW on June 28, 2018, and the related report-back issued by the CEO's Homeless Initiative on April 2, 2018.

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The recommendations in the June 28, 2018 report build on the ongoing interagency outreach and engagement efforts that have assisted people living in vehicles with healthcare and supportive services with the ultimate goal of facilitating their transition into affordable, permanent housing. The report also recommends continuing to educate people living in vehicles regarding public health opportunities, parking policies, and proper disposal of waste and hazardous materials. The recommendations in the April 2, 2018 report focus on opportunities to scale up safe parking programs in Los Angeles County (County). Due to the hard work of this collaborative effort, since July 2017, 59 people have successfully moved into stable, affordable housing.

The interagency team has developed a series of recommendations that could be implemented as a pilot program, focused on sustainable solutions to assist individuals living in vehicles in the unincorporated West Rancho Dominguez, Rosewood, and Willowbrook communities. The pilot program could then be refined as necessary and expanded to other areas. The Directors of the relevant County departments will coordinate closely with the CEO's Homeless Initiative to ensure that these efforts are carried out in alignment with the implementation of the County's Homeless Initiative strategies and with the overarching goal of connecting people experiencing homelessness and living in vehicles to appropriate services and stable housing.

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**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Directors of the Departments of Public Works (DPW), Public Health (DPH) and Regional Planning (DRP), in coordination with the Sheriff and County Counsel, and in consultation with, as deemed necessary, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Los Angeles County (County) Sanitation Districts and nonprofit homeless services providers, to implement the recommendations outlined in the June 28, 2018 and April 2, 2018 reports, including:

1. Establish a pilot, focused on sustainable solutions to assist individuals living in vehicles in the unincorporated West Rancho Dominguez, Rosewood, and Willowbrook communities, which shall include:
  - a. Continuing the successful and collaborative interagency effort to provide daily outreach and engagement services to people living in vehicles through experienced nonprofit homeless service providers.
  - b. Allocating \$32,000 in Homeless Prevention Initiative funds available to the Second Supervisorial District to incentivize the voluntary surrender of substandard or hazardous recreational vehicles currently being used as unsafe dwellings and ensure that these voluntarily acquired recreational vehicles are properly dismantled or destroyed and do not return to the street after the vehicle dwellers have transitioned to affordable housing.

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- c. Implementing a solid waste and household hazardous waste pilot program to provide an efficient mechanism to collect household waste from people living in vehicles and reporting back with long-term funding needs. As a part of this effort, DPW will also make available free sharps containers to people living in vehicles in the pilot area.
2. Direct County Counsel, in conjunction with the Directors of the CEO's Homeless Initiative, DPW, DPH, DRP, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, and the Sheriff, and in consultation with nonprofit homeless service providers, to develop a new programmatic ordinance focused on preventing the cycle of substandard, unclaimed recreational vehicles being auctioned off by tow lot owners, curbing the rental of substandard and dilapidated recreational vehicles as unsafe dwellings, and minimizing the improper dumping of solid and liquid waste from vehicles. In coordination with service engagement and education efforts, this ordinance would create a legal framework, identify responsible departments, and delegate the requisite authority to effectively administer the program to protect the health and safety of people living in vehicles and other County residents.
3. Direct County Counsel, in consultation with the Directors of CEO's Homeless Initiative and DRP and other key stakeholders, to report back in writing in 60 days with a recommendation for how to proceed with allowing safe parking

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- programs on County property in cities which have adopted Safe Parking ordinances and on public and private land in unincorporated County.
4. Direct the CEO's Homeless Initiative to work with the Directors of the relevant County departments and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to identify available funding to support the expansion of safe parking programs and report back in writing with funding recommendations in 60 days, as well as metrics for evaluating the effectiveness of safe parking, cost effective models of providing security at safe parking sites, and strategies to involve the faith community in safe parking programs, including providing sites.
  5. Direct the CEO's Homeless Initiative, in coordination with the Directors of the relevant County departments and other key stakeholders, to investigate costs and details involved in contracting a mobile waste collection service for people living in vehicles, and direct the management of the contract.
  6. Direct the Director of the CEO's Homeless Initiative, in coordination with the Directors of the relevant County departments, and in consultation with nonprofit homeless service providers and other public and private partners, to provide bi-annual written reports for one year to the Board of Supervisors with outcomes, lessons learned, and recommendations for further actions.

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