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Interim Shelter in the San Gabriel Valley

According to the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Homeless Count), there are more than 4,200 people experiencing homeless in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV). In the Western region of the SGV, there is a year-round homeless shelter in the City of Pasadena, provided by Union Station Homeless Services. In the Eastern region of the SGV, the City of Pomona recently opened the Pomona Hope for Home Services Center, also a year-round homeless shelter. However, in the vast expanse between these two SGV cities, there are limited options for shelter. The San Gabriel Valley includes the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, and West Covina.

Simply having a safe place to sleep every night helps individuals experiencing homelessness to receive services, start on a path to permanent housing, and begin recovering from the trauma caused by sleeping on the street. The Winter Shelter program, which operates annually from December 1 through March 31, operates overnight shelter in a few designated locations throughout Los Angeles County

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(County), including the SGV. Every year, after March 31, hundreds of people who utilize the Winter Shelters find themselves once again without shelter, which can disrupt their progress towards achieving housing stability. Establishing more shelters in the SGV would be a monumental step towards decreasing the homeless population in this area, and it would provide a space where individuals could receive meals, wraparound services, and help to transition to permanent housing.

In a 2018 survey conducted by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, nearly 70% of respondents indicated that they support housing for individuals experiencing homelessness in their own communities. Many cities have crafted homelessness plans and applied for Measure H funding to help increase the supply of interim and permanent housing in their respective cities. The County supports cities' efforts to leverage their resources and assess city-owned properties that could be used for interim housing. The County may also own property where it makes sense to establish interim housing. In the midst of our homeless crisis, where a shelter shortage is impeding progress, all feasible options should be explored.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the CEO to ask the cities in the San Gabriel Valley (Alhambra, Arcadia, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pomona, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Pasadena, Temple City, Walnut, and West Covina) to identify City-owned and other sites that could potentially be used for interim housing for people experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley.
2. Direct the CEO to work with Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5 to identify:
 - a. County-owned sites in the San Gabriel Valley that could potentially be used for interim housing for people experiencing homelessness, including sites within 500 feet of a freeway; and
 - b. any sites in the unincorporated areas within the San Gabriel Valley that could potentially be used for interim housing for people experiencing

homelessness, including sites within 500 feet of a freeway.

3. Direct the CEO to assess the feasibility of any potential sites identified pursuant to the above directives and report back to the Board within 90 days of the identification of each potential site. The feasibility assessment shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. whether there is a current structure that could be used and, if so, whether any renovations would be required;
 - b. preliminary cost estimate for any construction or renovations;
 - c. potential number of people who could be served and projected annual operating costs; and
 - d. any known environmental concerns.

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