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No Place Like Home Funding For Permanent Supportive Housing at County Health Campuses

The County Health Campuses provide unique opportunity sites to realize and advance the Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group’s “Care First, Jail Last” model. Restorative Care Village facilities planned and underway on County Health Campuses are envisioned and designed to be a national model to provide non-custody holistic and humane care for our most vulnerable populations. The County of Los Angeles must continue this noble effort by identifying funding to accomplish these goals which will support the health and wellness of our residents.

The County Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the County Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health, and Public Works, have done an excellent job working collaboratively to plan, and develop projects at County health care facilities throughout Los Angeles County. These investments demonstrate the Board’s deep commitment to serving all our residents while seeking a substantial reduction in the interrelated crises of homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse.

The Board, CEO, the County Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health, as well as the Office of Diversion and Re-entry, the Alternative to

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Incarceration Working Group, and other directly or indirectly involved groups, agencies, departments, and professionals are in agreement that investments in community-based non-custodial facilities with supportive services is the most viable long term solution to addressing the chronic, cyclic, and interrelated issues of homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse that is impacting our communities and residents throughout Los Angeles County. The Board is continually updated on results of several studies and reports that all point to expeditious implementation of “Care First, Jail Last” approach.

The Restorative Care Village facilities at County health care campuses are envisioned to create health and supportive residential facilities based on “whole person care” models that serve LA County’s most vulnerable populations throughout the Los Angeles County region. The LA County Board of Supervisors (Board) has also funded hundreds of millions of dollars in permanent supportive housing projects and the Office of Diversion and Re-Entry.

Since the unanimous approval by the Board on October 31, 2017, on the feasibility of Restorative Care Villages on County health care campuses, significant progress has been made with contracts awards for Recuperative and Crisis Residential beds and dedicated funding for various mental health and substance abuse clinical facilities at health campuses that are either completed or going under planning, design and development processes. These facilities together with permanent supportive housing would be dedicated to caring for our most vulnerable populations by providing the full continuum of services (i.e., recuperative care, permanent supportive housing, respite and recovery center, full scope psychiatric facility and supportive services) as well as a range of opportunities (i.e., education, training, employment, environments for recreation and

amenities that promote socialization), and a built in flexibility for engaging as indicated and thereby reducing morbidity and cost, while restoring function and dignity to those in need.

The County has allocated most of its No Place Like Home funding to a number of projects for Permanent Supportive Housing throughout the County through its first two rounds of solicitations.

Consistent with Board prior actions to support these facilities at County Health campuses, it is incumbent upon the Board to continue its commitment and resolve towards a “Care First, Jail Last” model by prioritizing planning, design, and development of Permanent Supportive Housing at County Health care campuses to deliver a complete system of care for patients that are alternatives to incarceration.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Los Angeles County Development Authority in consultation with the Chief Executive Office to:

1. Fasttrack feasibility studies, evaluations, estimates, and preparation of Request for Proposals for Permanent Supportive Housing units and all related Restorative Care Village funding needs at County Health Campuses.
2. Per assessment under above Directive no 1, set-aside and designate currently available No Place Like Home Funding for restorative care village investments at County health campuses. This set-aside funding should not be part of any future affordable housing Notice of Available Funding solicitation until FY 2022-23.

3. Report back in 14 days with recommendations and assessment on future No Place Like Home funding allocations to similarly preserve funds to expedite restorative care villages at County Health Campuses.
4. Evaluate recommendations from County's Economic Resiliency Taskforce Infrastructure, Labor, Health, and other related sectors and stakeholders on ways to expedite sequencing and phasing of restorative care village concepts at County Health Campuses.

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