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RELATES TO ITEM 32
Sustainable Solutions to Assist Homeless People Living in Recreational Vehicles

According to the 2017 Los Angeles Point-in-Time Homeless Count, on any given night, there were 14,412 vehicles of various types in which homeless persons were dwelling within the boundaries of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (which includes all of Los Angeles County, except Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena). These 14,412 vehicles included 4,545 campers and recreational vehicles (RVs).

Along the Broadway Corridor in the unincorporated community of West Rancho Dominguez, there has been a concentration and proliferation of RVs over the past decade. The County of Los Angeles has provided funding to non-profit partners to provide targeted engagement with this homeless population living in RVs and help connect them to essential and specialty services (such as mental health treatment and benefits advocacy) as well as more stable and affordable permanent housing options.

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For the past six months, an interagency team, comprised of representatives from the Department of Public Works, Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, and non-profit agencies (collectively, "the team"), have met regularly to ensure coordination of services. Through this effort, the team has discovered that a major impediment to transitioning individuals out of living in sub-standard RVs is the fact that many of these vehicles are resold or rented to homeless individuals after the vehicles are impounded, creating a market for relatively affordable, but substandard and unsafe, housing. A thorough investigation and assessment should be completed to evaluate whether there are potential interventions to end this cycle.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Directors of the Department of Public Works, Department of Public Health, Department of Regional Planning and the Chief Executive Officer's Homeless Initiative, in coordination with the Sheriff's Department and County Counsel, and in consultation with, as deemed necessary, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts and non-profit homeless services providers, to report back in writing in 60 days, with the specified roles and responsibilities of the respective department(s) or agency, in implementing recommendations related to:

- 1) Mechanisms to ensure that unclaimed, dilapidated, and hazardous recreational vehicles (RVs) are evaluated and, if appropriate, permanently disposed of in a suitable manner that prevents them from being auctioned and recirculated as substandard rented dwellings;

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- 2) Options to minimize improper disposal of RV waste, including lessons learned from efforts in other jurisdictions; and
- 3) Options to create “safe parking” lots to assist homeless service providers with connecting homeless persons to housing and support services.

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