

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

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**Safe Parking Program with Community Partners**

On June 12, 2018, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a Motion to allow the Department of Public Health (DPH) to manage the Safe Parking Program (Program) on a pilot basis. The Program provides people living in their vehicles with a safe parking environment for overnight stays as well as supportive social services for those currently experiencing homelessness and living in their vehicles.

The Program has been implemented by Safe Parking LA (SPaLA) via their fiscal sponsor Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation (SEE) and managed by DPH for the County on a pilot basis at the County-owned parking lot at 5205 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles. During the first six months, the Program accommodated the maximum number of 10 vehicles each night, and additional vehicles were placed on a waiting list. Due to demand, DPH and SPaLA plan to increase the number of vehicles at this location to 25 spaces as well as to expand the Program to the County-owned parking lot at 5300 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood. Other County departments, including the Department of Mental Health

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(DMH) and the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), as well as additional County-owned parking lots are also being considered for future expansion options. The pilot period was limited to six months. However, based on results shown by the Program, it is proposed that the Program continue to provide participants with a safe place for overnight stays and to make supporting social services available to those in need.

Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation (SEE), is SPaLA's current fiscal sponsor. However, SPaLA is in the process of changing its fiscal sponsor to Community Partners, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation (CP). In the meantime, the existing agreement and permit continue on a month-to-month holdover basis. On or around January 15, 2019, CP will replace SEE as the sponsor providing managerial, fiscal and administrative support to SPaLA and CP will be responsible for all the same duties and obligations as SEE with respect to the Program. CP was established in 1992 and has steadily grown to a solid institution providing fiscal sponsorships to about 150 projects and managing more than \$42 million a year. It is proposed that the Program continue beyond the pilot period as described in this motion giving (1) SPaLA continued responsibilities for the day-to-day operations of the Program, (2) the County the ability to expand the Program with other County departments and other County-owned parking lots and (3) giving SPaLA the ability to change its sponsor from SEE to CP.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed use of the County-owned parking lots at 5205 Melrose Avenue and 5300 Tujunga Avenue as part of the Program by

SPaLA during overnight hours is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1- Existing Facilities) and Class 1 of the County of Los Angeles CEQA Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, and none of the exceptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply;

2. Delegate authority to the CEO, or her designee, to determine whether the use of any additional lots identified by the Director of DPH, Director of DMH, and Director of DPSS as suitable for use in the Program, would be exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1—Existing Facilities) and Class 1 of the County CEQA Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, and whether any of the exceptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply, or whether any other CEQA exemption or other CEQA determination applies;
3. Find, pursuant to Government Code Section 26227, that the services provided through SPaLA are necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County and that the parking lots located at 5205 Melrose Avenue and 5300 Tujunga are not required for County purposes during non-business hours;
4. Delegate authority to the CEO, or her designee, to determine whether any additional County-owned parking lots identified by the Director of DPH, the Director of DMH or the Director of DPSS for use as part of the Program, are required for County purposes during non-business hours;

5. Authorize the CEO or her designee to negotiate, and authorize the Director of DPH or her designee, the Director of DMH or his designee, the Director of DPSS or her designee to execute one or more Master Agreements (Agreements) approved as to form by County Counsel, with CP, or other qualified non-profit sponsors of SPaLA, to operate the Program. The Agreements should be for an initial term of one year and unless terminated by either party at the end of the term, the Agreements will continue for subsequent terms in one-year increments, not to exceed a total term of five (5) years, on a gratis basis with all parties having the right to cancel the Agreement for any cause upon 30 days' advance written notice. The Agreement should include a provision allowing the program sponsor to assign and transfer its rights and obligations to another sponsorship entity subject to prior written approval of the County (exercised through the appropriate Director or his/her designee) based on experience and financial capacity.
6. Authorize the CEO or her designee, to negotiate and execute Rights of Entry Permits (ROE) approved as to form by County Counsel, with CP (or other qualified assignee or transferee approved by County through CEO or her designee) for use of each County-owned parking lot determined to be included as part of the Program, including the lots at 5205 Melrose Avenue and 5300 Tujunga Avenue, as well as any other sites identified in the future for use as part of the Program, on term and conditions

consistent with the Agreement. Such ROEs shall be provided to implement the Program on a gratis basis.

7. Authorize the CEO, Director of DPH, Director of DMH and the Director of DPSS or their respective designees, to execute any other ancillary documentation approved as to form by County Counsel, necessary to effectuate the Program and authorize the CEO, Director of DPH, Director of DMH and the Director of DPSS or their respective designees to take such actions necessary and appropriate to implement their respective agreements and the Program, including, without limitation, amending, modifying or terminating the Agreements, the ROE and such other agreements, as needed.