

SUBJECT: **SUPPORTING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THAT ADVANCE THE GOALS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD HOMELESS INITIATIVE BY WAIVING ENCROACHMENT AND PARKING FEES**

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness will advance the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative by recommending that the City Council waive encroachment and parking fees for future programs and events that serve community members experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, including, but not limited, to Homeless Services Connect Day events, mobile health clinics and more.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Request that the City Council waive encroachment and parking fees for future programs and community events that advance the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative and/or goals of West Hollywood's Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness.
- 2) Direct the City Council to waive encroachment and parking fees for the UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The West Hollywood Homeless Initiative seeks to address homelessness with a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency, collaborative response. To that end, the City of West Hollywood partners closely with nonprofit service providers, the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and Los Angeles County agencies to provide a wide variety of services intended to reduce homelessness and support community members who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of homelessness.

The Initiative produces community events, like Homeless Services Connect Day, and also seeks out new partnerships to bring programs to West Hollywood that support and advance the Initiative.

Section 1. Supporting future programs and community events that advance the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative

In anticipation of a return to in-person community events, and to new programs launching around the region that could be hosted in the City, staff recommends City Council pre-approve the waiver of encroachment and parking fees for programs and events that support the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative and goals of the strategic plan.

Section 2. Partnering with UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative

Strategic Initiatives Division staff are in conversation with UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative to explore the feasibility of bringing its mobile health care program to West Hollywood on a monthly basis.

In support of UCLA offering this free program to the community, the City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness may recommend that the City Council waive encroachment fees and parking costs. Hosting the mobile clinic at a consistent location will help more community members more easily access the program regularly.

The UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative is a direct-in-community program to expand access to efficient, equitable, and high-quality health care for people experiencing homelessness in the greater Los Angeles region. Services are provided free of charge and care includes medical screenings, preventive care and vaccinations, primary care, continuity care for chronic medical conditions, urgent care, primary psychiatric care, and referrals to housing and social services. The Homeless Healthcare Collaborative vans travel directly to people experiencing homelessness in street, shelter and interim housing sites, making access to health care as convenient as possible to unhoused people. The Homeless Healthcare Collaborative is providing care in the following service areas: West L.A., South L.A., Convention Center/Downtown L.A, and North Hollywood. See Attachment A for more information.

City staff and UCLA representatives are in discussions to identify the best location/s and time/s to host the program in West Hollywood. Based on feedback from the City’s homeless outreach providers, the locations under consideration are near West Hollywood Park/West Hollywood Library and Plummer Park.

In order to bring the mobile program to City of West Hollywood, the City will complete a memorandum of understanding with UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative to establish the partnership.

CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020 AND THE GOALS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN:

This item is consistent with the Primary Strategic Goal(s) (PSG) and/or Ongoing Strategic Program(s) (OSP) of:

- OSP-5: Support People through Social Services.

In addition, this item is compliant with the following goal(s) of the West Hollywood General Plan:

- HS-1: Maintain and pursue humane social policies and social services that address the needs of the community.

EVALUATION PROCESSES:

City staff will work closely with UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative to monitor for community member engagement with the program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH:

The Homeless Healthcare Collaborative directly addresses health promotion and disease prevention among community members experiencing homelessness.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Staff engaged West Hollywood Homeless Initiative agencies/outreach partners to guide the program scheduling and location. Once launched, community engagement will include direct outreach to community members experiencing homelessness to promote the availability of this healthcare service.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

HUMAN SERVICES & RENT STABILIZATION DEPARTMENT / STRATEGIC INITIATIVES DIVISION

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact for this item is up to \$12,000 over three years (est. \$4,000 annually) for the cost to waive encroachment and parking fees for UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative and additional encroachment and parking fee waivers for programs and events that advance the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative.

The \$4,000 request includes two factors: (1) annual projected cost of \$1,456 for UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative: each day the clinic is offered the cost is \$56 (\$20 parking space fee + \$36 encroachment fee) and the clinic is planned to occur 26 times annually ($56 \times 26 = \$1,456$). (2) Additional encroachment and parking fee waivers for qualified service providers, up to \$2,544 per year.

AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
\$12,000	This item requests the waiver of parking encroachment fees from account 100-442002

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative Infographic

Every day **227 people** become homeless in L.A.

Living on the street can take more than **20 years** off one's life.

The UCLA Health Homeless Healthcare Collaborative will provide:



Medical screenings



Preventive care and vaccinations



Primary care



Continuity care for chronic medical conditions



Urgent care



Primary psychiatric care



Referrals to housing and social services

Who are the unhoused people in L.A.?

20%

are families with children

17%

are living with a physical disability

29%

have experienced domestic violence

The primary causes of homelessness include:

- Increasingly unaffordable housing
- Inequitable access to health care
- Stagnant wages
- Systemic racism

Unhoused populations are more vulnerable to disease, and often can't access care.

Unhoused people suffer higher rates of:

- Tuberculosis
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Asthma
- HIV/AIDS
- Hospitalizations

Learn more and find out how you can help: uclahealth.org/hhc

