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Dear Mayor Gordo, Councilpersons and staff,

Thank you for applying for Measure H funding for homeless services.

It is important to assure that the city is making the most efficient use of available housing funds. I would like to request that more attention be paid to funding interim ("bridge" or "transitional") housing.

A long term plan is needed to bridge the gap between no shelter at all and permanent supportive housing. A tiny shelter community such as will be discussed in March by the EDTech Committee is one plausible idea which has been used successfully in other areas. Such a community can be erected relatively quickly and can provide safe non-congregate shelter and supportive services. A place to lock your stuff and keep yourself clean would go a long way in making a successful transition to permanent housing.

Sincerely,

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January 22, 2022

Mayor Victor Gordo  
Members of the Pasadena City Council  
Pasadena, CA  
(By email)

Re: City Council Meeting 1/24/2022 Agenda Item #2: Authorization to Enter into Contract with County of Los Angeles for the Receipt of Measure H Funding for Homeless Services; Amendments to Subrecipient Contracts

Dear Mayor Gordo and Councilmembers:

Agenda Item #2 seeks authorization to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles for the receipt of Measure H funding for homeless services. Since our City desperately needs more funding for residents experiencing homelessness in our City, we welcome these funds.

Staff also seeks amendments to “subrecipient contracts,” to increase funding under those contracts not to exceed the amount of Measure H funding allocated to the City by the County. The “subrecipients” and general purposes of the contracts are listed in the staff report as follows:

- Union Station Homeless Services (for rapid rehousing, strengthening Coordinated Entry System [CES] and emergency shelter programs);
- Friends In Deed (for homelessness prevention and emergency shelter programs);
- Sycamores (for a youth-specific rapid rehousing program).

The afore-mentioned reputable homeless service providers provide critical services for our unhoused residents. In terms of transparency, however, it is unclear how the funds will be allocated to the subrecipients. Since the contracts with the subrecipients are not disclosed to community members, we do not know what the terms of the contracts are, what program goals/outcomes are identified, and how results will be measured.

In terms of accountability, staff reports that the City has received \$2,872,896 in Measure H funds to date. Staff further reports that it “monitor[s] the performance of subrecipients under these contracts, including the number of people served and progress towards program outcomes.”

Since the programs began operating in 2019, a de-duplicated total of 616 people have been served across the four strategies: 38 people in homelessness prevention, 28 people in rapid rehousing, 21 people in CES housing navigation, 94 people in non-congregate emergency shelter (motel vouchers) and 435 people in congregate emergency shelter (Bad Weather Shelter).

(Staff report, pp. 2-3.)

Respectfully, reporting to the community the number of persons served, while helpful, is insufficient information for community members to gauge whether our City is effectively and in a cost-efficient manner providing for our hundreds of unhoused persons, particularly those who have no shelter at all. As of the 2020 Homelessness Count, our City had 527 unhoused residents, nearly 300 of which had no shelter at all. Of the 616 total persons that are reported to have been served with Measure H funding thus far, 435 of those persons simply received congregate shelter in bad weather which could have been for one night. The same applies to the 94 persons who received “emergency shelter” through motel vouchers. We do know, however, that only 28 persons were rapidly rehoused with Measure H dollars since 2019.

Why is this so important? Our City spends far too little on interim (aka “bridge,” “transitional”) housing for our nearly 300 unsheltered persons, some of whom wait over a year to receive permanent housing, assuming they survive the very harsh conditions of life on the street. According to the City’s response to my July 12, 2021 Public Records Act request, the City budgeted only \$101,313 of Measure H funding this year for interim housing. Please consider the following question: given that staff is also asking for authority to extend the period of the subrecipient contract terms for up to five one-year extensions, is the City doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results?

Rabbi Joshua Grater, the Executive Director of Friends In Deed, wrote an excellent, highly informative Guest Opinion in *Pasadena Now* entitled “Why Can’t Pasadena be More Creative on Transitional Housing?” (*Pasadena Now*, 11/16/21.) Rabbi Grater writes “Imagine if we could put our most vulnerable neighbors, like seniors, women, and those who are ill or disabled into a more long-term, transitional ‘home’ while we work with them to find a permanent option for them.”

Community members look forward with eager anticipation to the March 2022 ED Tech Committee meeting during which the Committee will discuss the subject of interim housing, specifically a tiny shelter community in our City. Our City clearly needs a better long-term strategy for our unsheltered residents and needs to provide substantially more funding to alleviate the suffering these residents endure on a daily basis and to provide the best opportunity to successfully transition to permanent housing.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Sonja K. Berndt, Esq. (retired)

Cc: William Huang, Director Pasadena Housing Department

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**From:** Phyllis Chestang <pcreekzzzz@gmail.com>  
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See attached. Thank you.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

(The Consent Calendar consists of routine items which will be approved by one motion and one vote unless removed for separate discussion. There will be one opp each, and the Mayor may limit this time if reasonable under the circumstances.)

City Manager/Executive Director

1 APPROVAL OF HOUSING ACQUISITION LOAN AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE HOUSING PARTNERS TO PROVIDE PURCHASE FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000 TO IMPLEMENT PURCHASE OPTION ON AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP UNIT AT 411 NORTH RAYMOND AVENUE, UNIT 101. Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- (1) Find that the proposed housing financing and acquisition activity, as described in the agenda report, does not have a significant effect on the environment as determined to be categorically exempt under Class 26 (Acquisition of Housing) of the State California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and, specifically, State CEQA Guidelines;
- (2) Approve a budget amendment appropriating \$450,000 from the Inclusionary Housing Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Housing Department's FY2022 budget for the HHP Housing Acquisition Project;
- (3) Approve certain key business terms, as described in the agenda report, of the proposed Housing Acquisition Loan Agreement with Heritage Housing Partners;
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the staff recommendation.

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2 AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE RECEIPT OF MEASURE H FUNDING FOR HOMELESS AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT NO. 23,046 WITH THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE TERM THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022. Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$765,467 and to execute one related amendment with a net amount of \$800,000 to provide homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, coordinated entry, and emergency shelter services;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to approve an amendment to Contract No. 23,046 with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ("LAHSA") to extend the term from February 28, 2022, and any additional amendments which extend the term but do not increase the total not-to-exceed amount of the contract;
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to approve certain amendments to the sub-recipient Contracts Nos. 31389, 31391, and 31392 with Union Station Homeless Services Contracts Nos. 31393 and 31394 with The FID Group dba Friends In Deed, and Contract No. 31395 with Sycamores as follows: a) increase funding to a level that does not exceed the amount of any Measure H funds allocated to the City by the County, either passed through LAHSA or contracted directly with the City; and b) extend the contract terms for up to five (5) one-year extensions; and
- (5) These transactions are exempt from competitive bidding per City Charter Section 1002(F) based on contracts for professional or unique services. To the extent amendments could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, it is recommended that the City Council grant the contract pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.02.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.



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**Proposed Budget Amendments**

- Housing Department Budget Adjustments** – The Housing Department recommends transferring \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Other Housing Fund (238) and appropriating \$2,602,428 in the Inclusionary Housing Trust Fund (239) as detailed below. The budget amendments for the Inclusionary Housing

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Trust Fund involve re-appropriating previously approved appropriations from prior fiscal years (a-d below).

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