

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

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**PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF PASADENA TO EXPAND ESSENTIAL  
HEALTHCARE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Board of Supervisors has made significant investments to increase access to primary care and mental health services across Los Angeles County (County). Subsequently, County Health Departments have made great strides in ensuring all communities have equitable access to these resources. This effort has been in tandem with the priority to ensure our homeless and housing resources are accompanied by necessary healthcare services.

The City of Pasadena (City) has engaged in this effort and, being one of the only cities in Los Angeles County with their own public health department and continuum of care, they played a unique role in advancing these services in their community. The area of north Pasadena has experienced acute challenges with access to healthcare and homeless services. In May 2021, the Department of Health Services published a report that identified the neighborhoods in northern Pasadena as “high priority” for additional primary care services. There is also a growing need for additional outpatient mental health services in this community as well.

Given the high-need nature of the area, it would be appropriate for the County and City to explore a joint venture that would meet a critical community need, including identification of suitable properties within the City of Pasadena that could be the home for this collaborative opportunity.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Find that approval of these proposed actions, is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378 because the actions do not commit the County to a project and will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Office, in conjunction with the Departments of Mental Health, Health Services, and Public Health, to work with the City of Pasadena and its Public Health Director to explore the feasibility of identifying appropriate properties in the City of Pasadena for possible co-location and joint occupation for purposes of health outpatient services and housing.
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to send a letter of interest for any identified properties for possible acquisition.
4. Direct the Chief Executive Office in conjunction with the Departments of Mental Health, Health Services, and Public Health to develop a funding plan based on the scope, plans, and budgets developed for acquisition, capital costs, and operations of the property for outpatient services and housing and return to this Board for authority to proceed with acquisition of any property needed to comply with this motion.