“Homelessness cannot be swept away. We must give people a place to stay.”

Mayor Eric Garcetti

Measure H is generating $355 million each year to provide a wide range of services to help people in desperate need. Proposition HHH is giving the City $1.2 billion to build 10,000 units of supportive housing over the next decade — units that will be paired with those same services, so that unsheltered Angelenos can go home for good.

But while we ramp up the work of building those units, we must be equally impatient about finding safe places to sleep for people who are on the streets tonight. That’s why Mayor Garcetti has launched a new plan called A Bridge Home — to get unsheltered Angelenos under a roof as quickly as possible.

**Emergency Shelters: More Options | Creative Solutions | Expedited Timelines**

**Emergency Shelter Crisis Declaration:** In April, 2018, Mayor Garcetti and the City Council declared an emergency shelter crisis and took advantage of a new state law that enables cities to construct homeless shelters on any land owned or leased by the city. The new law allows cities to propose alternative standards to comply with their temporary shelters; those have already been approved by the State. Los Angeles now has the ability to construct shelters in new places, and much faster.

**Crisis and Bridge Housing Fund:** To accelerate the construction of these shelters, the Mayor’s 2018-19 budget includes a $20 million fund to construct emergency shelters city-wide. Because there is a need for additional shelter beds across the city, these funds will be equally available to each council district. To receive the funds, each Council Member must identify a site or building adjacent to a high-density homeless population, and create an emergency shelter. The first Councilmember to step forward with a site is Council President Herb Wesson — who said the shelters in the Mayor’s plan will serve as “beacons of hope for Angelenos looking to transition out of homelessness. When it comes to ending this crisis, actions speak louder than words.”

**Homeless Ends One Interaction at a Time:** In the months leading up to these new shelters opening, the County will direct unprecedented outreach, mental health, career, and addiction support services to encampments to help prepare homeless Angelenos to move indoors.

**Keeping Our Neighborhoods Clean:** Once Council Districts stand up their shelters and homeless Angelenos move into them, the City’s Sanitation department will work to restore spaces that were previously encampment sites into safe, clean, public passageways. These extra resources will only be available to Districts that stand up shelters.

**On a Path to Permanent Home:** These emergency shelters will remain standing for three years — enough time for the City to construct supportive housing for the Angelenos living in them. The supportive housing will be furnished with on-site mental health, employment, addiction, housing placement services, and wellness resources.