

CIS on CF 18-0651

At this time the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council takes NO POSITION on CF 18-0651.

We applaud the quick action taken by CD15 Councilmember Buscaino in proposing three sites within the CD15 region to be considered as locations for emergency temporary shelters under Mayor Garcetti's Crisis and Bridge Housing Program known as "A Bridge Home". We understand that this program may not address the severely chronic homeless nor address the homelessness root causes such as lack of low income housing, lack of jobs and lack of shelter housing, however this is a solid first step in humanitarianism to bring unsheltered Angelenos back inside with homes, healing and hope.

Our understanding is that to be eligible to receive the \$1.3 million funds offered by the Mayor in mid April 2018, proposed locations were required to be submitted before the end of July. This left a very short window to conduct research and gather stakeholder input. Furthermore, stringent requirements were set for each location. Therefore we applaud Councilmember Buscaino's quick site selection action along with efforts to work with his stakeholders in CD15 by immediately assigning a liaison with the newly established CD15 Working Group on Homelessness which includes all eight Neighborhood Councils in CD15. Open communication, education and collaboration are key elements to earn the support of our communities.

The fact that the "A Bridge Home" program is addressing an emergency crisis situation required emergency action. Normally we would push for more in-depth community input, but due to the seriousness of this crisis situation, we agree that the Councilman has taken appropriate action with the proposal of three sites.

It is absolutely essential that prior to each shelter allowing the move-in of vetted homeless Angelenos, ALL security and wrap-around services are in place. We hold our government accountable to ensure the promised services of on-site 24/7 security, mental health, employment, addiction, housing placement services and wellness resources are established in each location.

The reason we are taking NO POSITION at this time is because although we approve of the fact sites were proposed to receive eligible funding, we do not have enough information about the specific proposed sites.

1. To be able to present these sites to our stakeholders, we ask for a detailed narrative on why these sites were selected.
2. If one, two or all three sites pass the next steps of eligibility, is \$1.3 million enough to support them?
3. If two or all three sites pass the next steps and there are not enough funds to support all, has a priority order been set as to which will be first? If yes, what is the order?
4. If none of these proposed sites pass the next steps on evaluation, will CD15 be allowed to propose other sites?

The three identified locations (in Watts, San Pedro and Wilmington) have met the first step of criteria. The next step is for our officials to evaluate each property and report on their feasibility as crisis and bridge housing.

Our understanding of the “A Bridge Home” site section includes the following:

1. Each site is to be located on a site owned or leased by the city
2. Each site must be located adjacent to a high-density homeless population
3. Once a shelter is up and homeless Angelenos move in, 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.
4. These emergency shelters will remain standing for three years, enough time for the City to construct supportive housing for the Angelenos living in them.
5. All “A Bridge Home” shelters will be fully staffed with 24/7 on-site security, and the Mayor’s Office will closely monitor each site to help ensure safety and cleanliness.

We are encouraged and hopeful that collaboration with our CD15 office on this topic and other local issues will continue as open two way communication that is essential to supporting our community needs.