The City is facing a homelessness crisis. In November 2016, the voters overwhelmingly supported Proposition HHH to develop supportive housing and facilities to address homelessness. Since that time, the City Council has continued to allocate considerable resources to tackle this crisis. Proposition HHH provides the City a unique opportunity to improve the model that supports the development of permanent supportive housing and to maximize local resources to expand the production of housing, using innovative approaches and leveraging the bonds with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, philanthropic dollars, state, county resources and private investment.

The City has long-established administrative procedures for the development of permanent supportive housing and affordable housing. HCID proposes periodic revisions to the annual program regulations for Proposition HHH funding and in December 2017, Council instructed HCID, with assistance from other departments, to improve the program regulations to promote expediency and innovation (C.F. 17-0090-S2). These processes should be improved to respond to the housing crisis the City is confronting today. At minimum, these processes should emphasize innovation, expediency, and maximum production.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 184671 that governs how Proposition HHH funds will be managed, the Proposition HHH Citizens Oversight Committee (CoC) was formed to “advise and make recommendations to the Proposition HHH Administrative Oversight Committee (AoC) on items relative to the Proposition HHH program, including its policies and programs.” These committees have overseen the development of the Proposition HHH Permanent Supportive Housing Loan Program (PSHLP). As the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) formulates its recommendations, the CoC should also be solicited for recommendations relative to improving the Proposition HHH PSHLP and the City’s affordable housing development processes.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the Proposition HHH Citizens Oversight Committee (CoC), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Officer and the Housing and Community Investment Department to make comprehensive recommendations to the Homelessness and Poverty Committee regarding changes to the permanent supportive housing process and funding structure to enable a more expedited delivery of homeless housing.

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