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COUNCILMEMBER RAMAN REQUESTS FUNDING FOR DISTRICT-WIDE ENCAMPMENT TO HOME OPERATION

LOS ANGELES -- Today, Councilmember Nithya Raman introduced a motion requesting \$3.86M in funding for a multi-site Encampment to Home Program in District 4. Modeled after the location-based outreach and housing operation which took place in Venice earlier this summer, the project's goal is to help navigate as many as 150 individuals, many of them chronically homeless, into shelter and to connect them to permanent housing.

"This targeted and strategic funding will allow my office to begin a multi-pronged, services led outreach program aimed at housing individuals across the district that if successful, can be used as a model city-wide," said Councilmember Raman.

While homelessness in Los Angeles remains a widespread crisis, providing funding for shelter and housing -- in tandem with extensive outreach and services -- has proven highly successful. The Encampment to Home Program on Ocean Front Walk helped place almost 200 people experiencing homelessness into non-congregate shelter. Since then, more than 180 of these individuals have been matched with permanent housing subsidies.

Council District 4 staff have developed a plan for a multi-site Encampment to Home Program focused on 16 high priority locations in the district. The operation will be conducted in partnership with The People Concern, one of Los Angeles County's largest social services agencies and a leading provider of evidence-based solutions to homelessness.

"The People Concern is looking forward to building on the success of our other Encampment to Home projects to link vulnerable neighbors in CD4 with services and housing as quickly as possible. Our multidisciplinary outreach teams will continue to build trust and use intensive engagement to empower people to make informed choices and connect them with best-fit housing that meets their needs. We are looking forward to partnering with CD 4 on implementing strategies that reduce street homelessness, uplift the importance of long-term housing solutions and improve the quality of life for all," shared John Maceri, CEO, The People Concern.

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