

Maintaining Access to Essential Mental Health Services in Skid Row

The Board of Supervisors adopted recommendations on May 13th and May 20th, 2014 concerning the relocation of essential Department of Mental Health programs planned for the Little Tokyo Lofts building located in the downtown Skid Row area. The Chief Executive Office’s Real Estate Division has identified nearby buildings located at 631 South Maple Avenue and 224 East 6th Street comprising of a total of 7,915 square feet to house the Prevention and Early Intervention and CalWORKs Mental Health programs. The space at 631 South Maple Avenue and 224 East 6th consist of 5,552 square feet and 2,363 square feet, respectively. It is critical to move forward with a lease for both properties expeditiously to maintain accessibility for patients in the Skid Row area.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Consider the Negative Declaration for which no comments were received during the public review process and find on the basis of the whole record before the

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Board of Supervisors (Board) that this project will not have a significant impact on the environment, find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board, and adopt the Negative Declaration. Find the proposed leasing of space will have no adverse impact on wildlife resources and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to complete and file an appropriate determination form for this project;

2. Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign an eight-year lease with Samko, General Partnership (Landlord) to occupy approximately 7,915 square feet of total office space for the Department of Mental Health (DMH) at a maximum first year rental cost of \$406,397. The rental and related costs are to be jointly funded by the Mental Health Services Act through its Mental Health Services Fund and the Department of Public Social Services CalWORKs program funds;
3. Direct the CEO to cause Internal Services Department (ISD), or the Landlord, to acquire telephone, data, and low voltage systems at a cost not to exceed \$605,500, which will be paid by DMH via a lump sum payment; and
4. Authorize the CEO, DMH and ISD to implement the project.

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