

City Council's CF 15-1138 (State of Emergency/Crisis Center) is about declaring a State of Emergency and providing emergency shelter and housing to the homeless is currently pending in the Homelessness and Poverty, and Housing Committees. The City of Los Angeles is utilizing its broad powers under California State Government Code 8698-8698.2 to address this problem. Los Angeles is facing a huge housing shortage with a dearth of affordable housing. Declaring a State of Emergency would allow the City of Los Angeles to exercise its broad authority and use it to immediately create more shelter options and to create more affordable housing options as Los Angeles has one of the largest populations of unsheltered homeless residents in the country. Several instructions are highlighted in this motion and all need council approval to pass.

A YES vote on this motion by the majority of the City Council members would approve authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance giving the City Council the authority to declare a State of Emergency as it relates to the current shelter crisis with the full range of power authorized by Government Code 8698. Additionally, a YES vote would also allow the City Council to authorize the operation of any homeless shelter or Safe Parking program on properties zoned R3, R4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, MI, M2, or M3, if the shelter or parking program is operated by a non-profit, charitable organization and the shelter is located on property owned or lease by such an organization and authorize the operation of any homeless shelter or Safe Parking program at a city-owned facility or city-owned property, if the shelter or parking program is operated by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority or a non-profit, charitable organization, and LAHSA or the non-profit organization have a City-issues right of entry permit for the dates, times and operation of the program.

A NO vote on this motion by the majority of City Council members immediately kills this motion and any supplemental reports.