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**SUBJECT: SHELTER PARTNERSHIP**

**ISSUE**

Inform the Board of Directors of System Security and Law Enforcement's collaboration with Judge David O. Carter's invitation to support 100 shelter beds in three Council Districts to house unsheltered individuals on Metro's system.

**DISCUSSION**

In the wake of COVID-19, the homeless outreach work has intensified, and resources have shifted dramatically. Our law enforcement partners, Transit Security and PATH teams have placed more people in motels than in the past two years. As of today, *Operation Shelter the Unsheltered* efforts have led to 538 individuals being housed since April 1, 2020. The limiting factor for our teams to help additional individuals has been available beds and services. Judge Carter has identified 100 additional beds with supportive mental health and addiction services that provide our teams the ability to expand their success. Costs to temporarily house homeless individuals in motels has increased. Due to the increased demand to house vulnerable homeless individuals, SSLE approved PATH's budget modification at the end of Fiscal Year 2020. Much of the increase is related to the concerted effort to house homeless persons and connect them to services. Motel expenses for Fiscal Year 2020 was \$552,790.59. There were additional costs involved to place and maintain homeless persons in motels as opposed to shelters.

MTA will substantially benefit from partnering with service providers rather than continuing to use motels for interim shelter with three important outcomes. First, law enforcement and PATH Outreach Teams would be free to engage with more

homeless persons on Metro's system. Second, the outreach teams would have designated beds available to take willing homeless persons without the ongoing follow-up. Third, the cost to purchase beds along with services would not surpass the cost of sheltering homeless persons in motels.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Judge David O. Carter would broker Metro's acquisition of 100 beds within a reasonable timeframe. The beds would be acquired in:

- Council District 1: Councilmember Gil Cedillo
- Council District 9: Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.
- Council District 15: Councilmember Joe Buscaino

Funding for 100 beds at \$60-\$70 a night for each bed would come from our existing PATH contract. SSLE is in the process of identifying additional funds within our existing private security contract with RMI to support our overall homeless outreach efforts.