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Transitional Encampment Shelter Increase

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Council Review Process – Actions Thus Far

- **CB 121184** – Authorizes the Finance and Administrative Services Department to execute leases for large sites that could accommodate larger transitional encampments. [Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governance Committee \(Finance Committee\)](#) recommended that the bill pass.
- **CB 121185** – Increases appropriation authority to the Human Services Department to fund new shelter in transitional encampments. [Finance Committee recommended that the bill pass, as amended.](#)
- **CB 121195** – Increases the number of allowed transitional encampment occupants on a temporary basis and establishes a work program to develop ongoing changes to regulations for transitional encampments. [Discussed in the Land use and Sustainability Committee \(LUSC\) on April 1. Introduced and referred to LUSC on April 14.](#)

Legislative Intent for Transitional Shelter Budget Increase – Amendments to CB 121185 (1 of 2)

- Reporting on implementation by September 14, 2026, with a financial plan for providing 4,000 new shelter units.
- Requesting that the Executive develop a public safety plan for transitional shelter with monthly reporting on public safety indicators.
- Standing up a shelter acuity work group to advise on services for encampments used as shelter.
- Requesting that HSD utilize providers who have expertise providing culturally appropriate services.

Legislative Intent for Transitional Shelter Budget Increase – Amendments to CB 121185 (2 of 2)

- Providing at least one transitional shelter be provided for people in recovery from substance abuse disorders.
- Providing at least two transitional shelters serving families with children with reporting on progress by September 14, 2026.
- Reporting to Council on prioritization of transitional shelters for people in the neighborhood served by the shelter prior to opening of new shelter.
- Continued prioritization of permanent supportive housing while transitional shelter capacity is increased.

Pre-introduction Edits to CB 121195

- Limit the increase in transitional encampment occupants from 100 to 150 occupants to transitional encampment that utilize vehicles and micro-modular structures as shelter;
- Define micro-modular shelter as “a small, prefabricated structure intended to temporarily shelter one household;” and
- Allow only one interim use transitional encampment that shelters up to 250 occupants in vehicles or micro-modular shelters.

Next Steps

- **Wednesday, April 29** – Continued Discussion of CB 121195, including discussion potential amendment concepts.
- **Wednesday, May 6** – Discussion and possible vote on a recommendation CB 121195 and any proposed amendments.
- **Tuesday, May 12** – Earliest date for the Full Council vote.