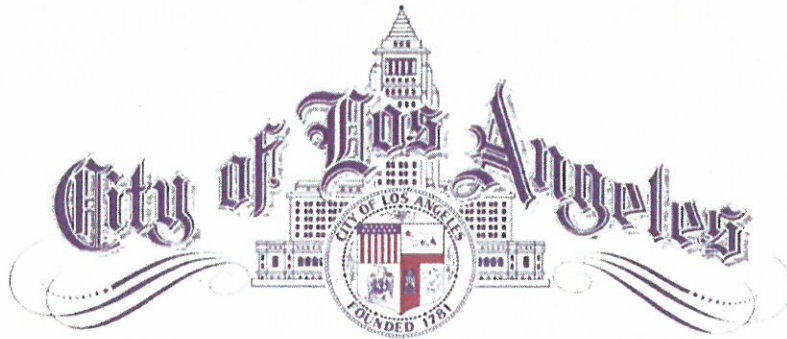


Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission



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May 23, 2019



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Ms. Khatera Tamplen, Chair
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RE: Los Angeles County TRIESTE Innovations Proposal on May 23, 2019 Agenda

Dear Ms. Tamplen,

On behalf of the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, I am writing to express support for the proposal submitted by the County of Los Angeles for consideration by the OAC on May 23, 2019.

The proposal, True Recovery Innovation Embraces Systems That Empower (TRIESTE), envisions a five-year pilot to test an innovative approach toward mental health treatment centered in a defined region in Hollywood. The inspiration for this pilot is founded, in part, in guiding principles that underlie the mental health system in Trieste, Italy, which is recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) for its exemplary commitment to de-institutionalization, social recovery, and a robust community-based care model. The pilot intends to demonstrate how both individual and system outcomes, along with consumer satisfaction in our mental health system, can be improved without incurring additional costs.

We support the boldness of this initiative. Should the pilot be approved, we commit to working with the community, other governmental partners, and businesses that are enlisted to play a role in this community model.

We urge you to support the TRIESTE proposal at your meeting on May 23, 2019.

Please note that, as an elected official under California law, I am required to report "behested payments," such as a letter of support on behalf of an organization seeking grant funds from a government or non-profit entity. To allow us to comply with our reporting requirements, we ask that the grantee provide us with certain information if

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funds are awarded, and upon receipt of the grant if in excess of \$5,000. Specifically, we need to know the date the grantee received the funds, the amount of the grant, and the time period covered. The information may be sent via email to Christina Miller at Christina.Miller@lacity.org.

Sincerely,



Christina Miller
DEPUTY MAYOR, OFFICE OF CITY HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES
Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

CC: Dr. Jonathan Sherin, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Supervisor Kathryn Barger
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May 20, 2019

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We support the boldness of this initiative and will work with the community, government and business partners who are enlisted to play a role in this community model.

We urge you to support the TRIESTE proposal at your meeting on May 23, 2019.

Sincerely,

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Ben Allen
Senator, 26th Senate District



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
TRIESTE PROJECT INNOVATION PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Act imbues a recovery approach that goes beyond treating the symptoms of mental illnesses and instead focuses on ensuring that people with mental illnesses have appropriate housing, social connection, belonging and purpose in their lives, and

WHEREAS, across Los Angeles County, more than 50,000 individuals are experiencing homelessness and it is estimated that as many as one-third of that population are living with mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, citizens in Los Angeles County have responded to the homelessness epidemic with care and concern by supporting Measure H and Proposition HHH that will collectively levy over a decade more than \$5 B in public funding to support efforts to house and support individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the programs and initiatives funded by Measure H and Proposition HHH are designed to deliver new income-restricted affordable housing, outreach efforts, emergency shelters, rapid re-housing, supportive housing, homelessness prevention efforts, job training, and veteran's programs; and

WHEREAS, these investments will help address the broader homelessness epidemic, but are insufficient in addressing the more unique challenges associated with the confluence of homelessness and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, an individual's mental illness may lead to cognitive and behavioral problems that make it difficult to earn a stable income or to carry out daily activities in ways that encourage stable housing; and

WHEREAS, the combination of mental illness and homelessness can also lead to other factors such as increased levels of alcohol and drug abuse, violent victimization, debilitating physical illness and ultimately death; and

WHEREAS, the increasing numbers of homeless people with a mental illness and the system's relative inability to help people achieve true community inclusion suggests that there is something missing in the way that the recovery vision is being implemented; and

WHEREAS, these challenges inspired leaders to develop the TRIESTE proposal based on the proven, World Health Organization (WHO)-recognized system of mental healthcare utilized by the community of Trieste, Italy; and

WHEREAS, the TRIESTE proposal hypothesizes that current mental health funding systems, coupled with the bureaucratic requirements to document patient interactions predicated upon a medical model, constrain and restrict the best intentions of government and nonprofit service providers to meet the "whole person" needs of people living with mental illness in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the TRIESTE proposal also envisions a social recovery model which requires the development of community-based opportunities for participation of mentally ill residents in vocational training and supported employment, adult learning, inclusion in cultural experiences and greater access to families and friends; and

WHEREAS, the TRIESTE project team is led by a team of experts whom have faith that the innovations outlined in the proposal will improve the effectiveness of care, increase morale among caregivers, and improve satisfaction with the experience of care; and

WHEREAS, the TRIESTE project team believes that the optimal place in Los Angeles County to test this pilot is in the Hollywood community because of Hollywood's commitment to supporting policies and services to address homelessness; Hollywood's tradition of working together across nonprofit, business, government and faith sectors; and the visible need in Hollywood to provide more effective care and support for people living with mental illness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hollywood Property Owners Alliance Board of Directors encourages the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to support and fund the TRIESTE Project Innovation Proposal submitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Adopted this 16th day of May, 2019.



DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

May 17, 2019

Ms. Khatera Tamplen, Chair
Oversight and Accountability Committee
Mental Health Services Act.
1325 J. Street, Suite 1700
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Subject: Los Angeles County TRIESTE Innovations Proposal on May 23, 2019 Agenda

Dear Ms. Tamplen,

I am writing to express support of the proposal submitted by Los Angeles County being considered by the OAC on May 23, 2019.

The True Recovery Innovation Embraces Systems That Empower (TRIESTE) proposal envisions a five-year pilot to test an innovate approach toward mental health treatment centered in a defined region in Hollywood, including parts of my council district.

The pilot, inspired by the community-based mental health system in Trieste, Italy, intends to demonstrate how individual and system outcomes as well as consumer satisfaction in our mental-health system can be improved without incurring additional costs. The innovations in the TRIESTE proposal that will focus on addressing the needs of the whole person, as well as the creation of new levels of crisis and emergency care which do not currently exist in the region -- including Peer Respite, Crisis Residential, and Urgent Care – have enormous potential to better the lives of not just the individuals our mental health system is serving, but their families and the community as well.

Before running for office, I worked in the mental health field for 12 years and have seen first-hand the challenges and brokenness of the system. Very sick individuals and families are not getting the levels of care that they need. Some people are caught in a never-ending cycle of arrests, jail time, and release. Many experience homelessness. The bold ideas of this proposal have the potential to make a meaningful impact on improving the lives of our most vulnerable. We need to test new ideas to create system changes that work.

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I support the innovations of this initiative and I will work with the community, government, and business partners who are enlisted to play a role in this community model.

I urge you to support the TRIESTE proposal at your meeting on May 23, 2019.

Sincerely,



David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four



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May 21, 2019

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I support the boldness of this initiative and will work with the community, government and business partners who are enlisted to play a role in this community model.

I urge you to support the TRIESTE proposal.

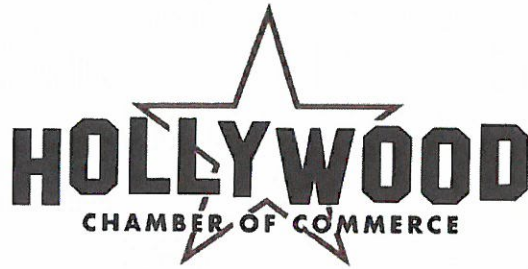
Sincerely,

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RICHARD BLOOM
Assemblymember, 50th District

Cc: Dr. Jonathan Sherin, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health





Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
1325 J Street, Suite 1700,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC),

On behalf of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the more than 800 members it represents, I am writing in support of the TRIESTE Project Innovation Proposal.

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to combatting homelessness in our neighborhood and Los Angeles city through a multifaceted approach. Across Los Angeles County, more than 50,000 individuals are experiencing homelessness and it is estimated that as many as one-third of that population are living with mental illness. The TRIESTE project will help address people experiencing homeless and mental health illnesses that the programs and initiatives funded by Measure H and Proposition HHH may overlook.

Hollywood is one of the world's top tourism destinations, and serves as a major economic engine for our region. The homelessness crisis has not only impacted the number of visitors to our neighborhood but also their experience once they arrive. It is important to Hollywood that we find a way to solve this epidemic. The TRIESTE project is based on the proven, World Health Organization (WHO) recognized system of mental healthcare utilized by the community of Trieste, Italy.

The TRIESTE proposal envisions a societal recovery model which requires the development of community-based opportunities for participation of mentally ill residents in vocational training and supported employment, adult learning in cultural experiences and greater access to family and friends and is led by a team of experts whom have faith that the innovations outlined in the proposal will improve the effectiveness of the care, increase morale among caregivers, and improve satisfaction with the experience of care.

The TRIESTE project team believes that the optimal place in Los Angeles County to test this pilot is the Hollywood community because of Hollywood's commitment to supporting policies and services to address homelessness. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the more than 800 members it represents encourage the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to support and fund the TRIESTE Project Innovation Project Proposal submitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Sincerely,

Rana Ghadban
CEO, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

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May 17, 2019

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1325 J Street, Suite 1700
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Dear Ms. Tamplen,

As the Assemblymember representing the 43rd District, including portions of Hollywood, I am writing to express my support for the proposal submitted by Los Angeles County for consideration by the Oversight and Accountability Committee on May 23, 2019.

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In Los Angeles, the evidence of our broken mental health system is clear. Very sick individuals and families are not getting the care that they need. Some languish in board and care homes or residential facilities where people experience isolation and loneliness. Some are caught in a never-ending cycle of arrests, brief jail time and release. Others stand on the verge of homelessness. The whole-person approach to this new model has the potential to address this human tragedy. We need to test bold ideas to create systemic changes that work.

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I support the boldness of this initiative and look forward to seeing the results of the TRIESTE community model, and urge you to support the proposal at your meeting on May 23, 2019. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Field Representative, Seamus Garrity, at (818) 558-3043.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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LAURA FRIEDMAN
Assemblymember, 43rd District

Cc: Dr. Jonathan Sherin, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

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May 17, 2019

Dear Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission:

On May 16th, 2019, the Hollywood Property Owners Alliance Board of Directors (HPOA Board) unanimously voted to approve the attached resolution in support of the TRIESTE Project Innovation Proposal submitted by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. The HPOA Board represents more than 600 property owners that comprise the property-based improvement district that funds enhanced programs and services within the Hollywood Entertainment District.

While detailed rationale is included in the resolution, it bears mention that this resolution represents the diverse interests of the community collectively voicing support for a pilot program in their neighborhood. Hollywood has a knack for displaying political courage, as evidenced in getting traditionally divisive projects completed. Examples include the Villas at Gower permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families living with mental illness, to being one the first approved and operating sites for one of Mayor Garcetti's Bridge Housing facilities.

On behalf of the HPOA, we thank the MHSOAC for your consideration of the TRIESTE proposal. We believe that the proposed program will provide benefits to the community-at-large, and we look forward to supporting the initiative in its efforts to help Hollywood move forward.

Sincerely,

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Kristopher Larson, AICP
President & CEO



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember
13th District

May 16, 2019

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In Los Angeles, the evidence of our broken mental health system is both visible and invisible. As a member of the Los Angeles City Council, I look to the county to take the lead on an innovations effort. To the public, the tragedy of people experiencing chronic homelessness and severe mental illness plays out on our streets, in our transit system and in the civic realm, and impacts businesses, schools and neighborhoods. People are frustrated with no place to turn to seek help for individuals who are clearly left to languish. The invisible aspect of this situation is found in board and care homes or residential facilities where people experience isolation and loneliness. The crushing impact on our jail system is also invisible to the public but is a human tragedy.

I support the boldness of this initiative and our office will work enthusiastically with our community, government and business partners who are enlisted to play a role advancing a successful pilot of these ideas in Hollywood.

I urge you to support the TRIESTE proposal at your meeting on May 23, 2019.

Sincerely,

MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District
City of Los Angeles

Cc: Dr. Jonathan Sherin, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health



