

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, according to the most recent Point in Time Count data, 7,452 Chicagoans experienced literal homelessness on a given night last year; and

WHEREAS, literal homelessness can be defined as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and or has a primary nighttime residence that is a place not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, the Flexible Housing Pool is a supportive housing program that provides rental subsidies and intensive services to help people get housed quickly, remain stably housed, access health care services and other resources needed to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is a leader in the Flexible Housing Pool, which is a public-private partnership between numerous cross-sector stakeholders to focus on a new approach to end homelessness among people cycling through public crisis systems; and

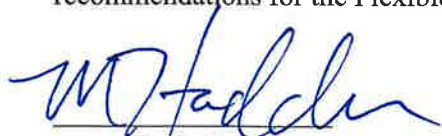
WHEREAS, the Flexible Housing Pool served over 1,750 participants to date, including over 500 children, as well as youth, adults, and families; and

WHEREAS, the Flexible Housing Pool has a 92% success rate in retaining individuals and families in stable housing for at least 12 months, and demonstrated a 97% reduction in emergency shelter usage, 46% reduction in Chicago Fire Department activations, 32% reduction in Chicago Police Department activations, 91% reduction in Emergency Room visits, 89% reduction in hospital inpatient days and 81% reduction in jail registrations; and

WHEREAS, reductions in crisis-system utilization generate an estimated \$14,492 in annual cost offsets per household, recouping roughly half of the per-household cost; and

WHEREAS, at its current scale, the Flexible Housing Pool produces over \$11 million in cost offsets annually; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the City Council for the City of Chicago, do hereby call on the Committee on Housing and Real Estate to convene a hearing to provide insights and recommendations for the Flexible Housing Pool program.



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