

**RESOLUTION NO. [XXXX]**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PROGRAM TO REALLOCATE FUNDS FOR A RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Commerce (“City”) is an eligible recipient of funding under the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, PLHA funds are intended to assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness and to support affordable housing activities benefiting low- and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2025, the City Council allocated PLHA funds toward a Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$59,326; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified a critical need to provide rental assistance to low-income veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to amend its PLHA Program to reallocate funds from the Housing Rehabilitation Program to a Rental Assistance Program for Veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed program will provide short-term rental assistance payments directly to landlords on behalf of eligible veteran households to promote housing stability and prevent homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County Development Authority has advised that such amendment is permissible and subject to approval by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that this action is not a project subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), as it involves administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2026, the City Council reviewed and considered the request to allocate PLHA funds from a Housing Rehabilitation Program to a Rental Assistance Program for Veteran’s (the “amended PLHA Program”).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** The City Council of the City of Commerce hereby finds and declares that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and a and incorporates them herein as findings and as a substantive part of this Resolution.

**Section 2:** The City Council hereby takes the following actions:

- a. Approve an amendment to the City's PLHA Program from the Housing Rehabilitation Program to a Rental Assistance Program for Veterans;
- b. Reallocate previously approved PLHA funds totaling \$59,326 from the Housing Rehabilitation Program to a Rental Assistance Program for Veterans;
- c. Authorize the City Manager or designee to develop and adopt policies and procedures for distributing funds for qualified expenses, eligibility criteria, allowed expenses, and application process, among others;
- d. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary documents to implement the amendment;
- e. Authorize a one-time budget appropriation of \$11,800 from the City's Project Management Fund to support program implementation and administration of the amended PLHA Program;
- f. Authorize the City Manager to make any necessary amendments to an existing on-call agreement with Avant Garde Inc. to increase the budget, scope and term for the implementation and administration of the amended PLHA Program; and

**Section 3:** The City Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to:

- a. Implement City's PLHA Program in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations;
- b. Complete a budget appropriation from the project management fund in the amount of \$11,800 for program implementation and administration;
- c. Develop and adopt policies and procedures for distributing funds for qualified expenses, eligibility criteria, allowed expenses, and application process, among others; and
- d. Make any necessary amendments to an existing agreement with Avant Garde Inc. to increase the contract budget in the amount of \$11,800, add additional scope and extend the term of the contract for the implementation and administration of the amended PLHA Program.

**Section 4:** The City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute the contractual and related documents for the implementation of the program contained herein.

**Section 5:** Authorize the Mayor to execute this Resolution for and on behalf of the City of Commerce.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall take full force and effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026**

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Kevin Lainez, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Pat Jacquez-Nares, Interim City Clerk