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Memorandum of Understanding

Los Angeles Unified School District and United Teachers Los Angeles

Housing Support

1.0 The District and UTLA acknowledge that Los Angeles Unified, being one of the region's major land holders, with the primary mission to educate students, will explore options for affordable housing including those where District properties may have the potential to be better utilized to support the housing needs of students, employees, and communities.

2.0 The District will identify vacant and underutilized LAUSD land parcels that may be used for the development of affordable housing to help address the region's crisis of affordability afflicting students, families and employees.

a. The District will prioritize building affordable housing in areas where declining enrollment and chronic absenteeism is above the district average. The following list of zip codes meet the criteria: 90012, 90021, 90031, 90032, 90044, 90059, 91340, 91405.

b. If no properties are deemed viable in the above zip codes, the district will identify comparable plots of land size to be developed in neighboring zip codes.

3.0 The District will prioritize development of affordable housing on LAUSD controlled land to help address the region's crisis of affordability afflicting students, teachers, and families. A minimum of 50% of a project's housing units shall be reserved for Acutely Low Income, and/or Extremely Low Income households and/or Very Low Income Housing. All units shall be subject to an affordability covenant limited to Low Income Households and only for the purpose of increasing the financial stability of Acutely Low Income, Extremely Low Income, and Very Low Income Household units in the project, up to 20% of units may be unrestricted as to income and rent levels.

3.0 During the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school year, the District and UTLA shall maintain a joint task force to make recommendations regarding the use of identified vacant and unused LAUSD land parcels that could be used for the development of affordable housing for low-income students and families. The Community Housing Task Force shall be comprised of four (4) UTLA bargaining unit members appointed by UTLA,

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four (4) LAUSD employees appointed by LAUSD, and four (4) community-based appointees, with two (2) appointed by UTLA and two (2) by LAUSD.

a. No later than June 30, 2027, the Community Housing Task Force shall provide written recommendations to the Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations regarding the use of the identified District property.

b. The taskforce will provide input on the format of the Request for Proposal (RFP) policy and guidelines, including the goals and scoring for granting the awards.

4.0 The District will encourage potential proposers which may include Non-Profit Developers and Community Land Trusts to submit requests for future housing developments. Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be made available to UTLA for review prior to the procurement process.

a. The District will inform UTLA thirty days prior to announcing an RFP for the purpose of housing development.

5.0 ~~Where applicable~~, Any housing built on LAUSD land will follow state fair housing laws.

6.0 The District and UTLA shall work collaboratively to maintain school-based supports for unhoused children and youth and resources for families experiencing housing emergencies. All schools will have a homeless liaison (HL), who is on campus five (5) days per week, identified and accessible to staff to assist with student needs and housing support.

a. A stipend of \$1800 will be provided to homeless liaisons at schools with 3%, or higher, houseless student population.

6.1 The District will provide a full-time PSA, PSW and SSS provider to support schools in the 90021 zip code.

6.2 The District shall work with schools in the 90021 zip code to identify school needs and provide resources to meet those needs.

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7.0 The District shall maintain coordinated services available to students and families through its Coordinated Entry System (CES) sites located within local region areas, including but not limited to education enrollment and academic services, resources and referrals for housing support and basic supplies for families, children and youth in need.

8.0 The District shall provide basic need supplies to students in need in accordance with their student housing questionnaire. Essential items may include, but are not limited to clothing, school supplies, backpacks and hygiene kits.

9.0 The District shall provide additional supports based on student needs including but not limited to access to laundry services, ~~linkages for safe parking~~, food pantries, clothing drives, **early access to showers** and other resources to support families facing housing insecurity and homelessness.

9.1 The District will open underutilized and vacant lots for families to safely park overnight.

9.2 The installation, maintenance and funding for laundry services will be provided and paid for by the district at no cost to the school.

10.0 The District and UTLA shall collaboratively advocate to secure Section 8 vouchers from LA County and the LA Housing Authority to meet the housing needs of the families of all unhoused LAUSD students, including at any LAUSD properties that may be developed for this purpose.

11.0 The District and UTLA shall collaboratively advocate for fair and affordable housing and tenant protections including enforcement of the Tenant Protection and Anti-Harassment Ordinance (TAHO) and organizations, (i.e. United to House LA (ULA)), **addressing these efforts including housing supports and services within the community.**

12.0 The District shall make available school space accessible to non-profit organizations providing tenant rights clinics, counseling services and housing assistance, **i.e. Stay Housed LA**, in accordance with Civic Center Permit policies and applicable law. The District will continue to explore potential partnerships with student and family support organizations, with the goal of increasing available services.

a. The District and UTLA will collaborate on creating and maintaining lists of housing advocates available to provide resources and support to families

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including those that may provide services on school campuses through the Civic Center Permit process.

b. The District will provide UTLA with the name of the division that will help in facilitating issuance of Civic Center Permits.

13.0 The District and UTLA shall collaboratively advocate for a city and/or county wide no evictions clause for LAUSD families during the school year.

This non-precedent setting agreement is in effect through June 30, 2028 and may be renewed by mutual agreement of the parties.

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