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LA City Controller Kenneth Mejia Releases Scope of Inside Safe Audit

Audit Seeks to Measure the Effectiveness of the City's Performance Monitoring and Internal Control Systems and Determine if Inside Safe is Achieving its Stated Goals and Intended Outcomes

LOS ANGELES – The Office of Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia today shared the scope of the Office's audit on the City's homelessness program, Inside Safe. In March, the Office announced on social media that the audit would be taking place. The audit will be conducted by the civil service staff from the Audit Services Division of the Controller's Office.

The Controller's Office's goal is to understand, bring more transparency to, and make recommendations to Inside Safe to ensure it meets the City of LA's needs. The objective of the audit is to measure the effectiveness of the City's performance monitoring and internal control systems, and determine if Inside Safe is achieving its stated goals and intended outcomes.

Areas that will be assessed in the audit include:

- Data management
- Program evaluation functions
- Other relevant internal controls
- Operations policies and procedures
- Program management policies and procedures
- Encampment site selection processes
- Performance metrics for placements, retention, room vacancy rates, and transitions to other housing solutions
- Program performance relative to other interim housing programs
- Costs relative to other interim housing programs
- How program expenditures are monitored
- Facility lease management
- Cost/benefit analysis of facility leases

The Controller's Office intends to work collaboratively with the Mayor, other City offices, and departments to provide an objective data-driven assessment.

Audits/Assessments from the Office of City Controller Kenneth Mejia:

- LAPD Helicopters
- Interim Housing & Shelter Bed Data
- Implementation of TAHO (In progress)
- Unarmed Response (In progress)
- Pathways to Permanent Housing (In progress)
- Affordable Housing Efforts (In progress)
- Inside Safe (In progress)