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In January 2015, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) conducted its biennial Homeless Count of the County's homeless population, described as a point-in-time count of people without a permanent, habitable place to call home. Data collected from the Homeless Count is key to assessing the magnitude of need in Los Angeles County and serves as a foundation for making strategic policy and funding decisions. On May 11, 2015, LAHSA released its 2015 Homeless Count findings. According to LAHSA, this year's count revealed that there was an overall 12 percent increase in homelessness in the City and County since the last count in 2013. Another major finding was that the number of tents, makeshift shelters and vehicles seen during the Count increased by 85 percent.

In April 2016, the Office of the City Administrative Officer released a report estimating that the costs for 15 departments, agencies and one program to interact with the homeless regularly costs the City approximately \$100,000. In response to the one of the most critical issues facing the City, the Council created an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness to form comprehensive policy and planning to address homelessness. The City recognizes the urgency in addressing homelessness and the need to coordinate internally and with external organizations in developing a strategic approach.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to present the 2015 Homeless Count results to the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness.

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