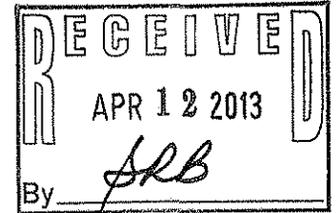




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United Way of Greater Los Angeles



April 12, 2013

Council President Wesson and Members of Council,

My name is Alisa Orduna here on behalf of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles. We are in support of Council File # 13-0303/Agenda Item #3, the LAHD motion to request \$18M for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to create permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons.

A few months ago we testified about our concerns over L.A.'s rising affordable housing shortage and its impact on the Home For Good efforts to end chronic homelessness by 2016. We are excited to see you take up this issue today as it moves us forward in the right direction by increasing the number of quality, affordable units for our most vulnerable residents that we know will be managed in an appropriate way with additional supervision by LAHD and the Homeless Management Information System.

Our research supports national data that demonstrates permanent supportive housing is a strong intervention tool in ending chronic homelessness. LAHD and the City of L.A. has been an innovative leader in sponsoring this NOFA each year. This act demonstrates to private and public funders that there is a serious commitment to ending homelessness in our City which unlocks additional investment.

Last year the Home For Good Funders Collaborative was launched. This effort raised \$5M in private funding to provide supportive services to PSH units in efforts to help sustain previous investments made by LAHD and the Housing Authority. We hope to raise \$6M this year and in the year to come so know that your \$18M will continue to draw leverage of non-city funds over the 55 year life of these projects.

It's time L.A. to stop being the homeless capitol of the nation and with each of your leadership; we can end chronic homelessness by 2016 in alignment with the Home For Good goal. **With thus we ask for a favorable recommendation.**