

RESOLUTION **HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY**

2016 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

WHEREAS, homelessness is a human tragedy that needs to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will commence January 26, 27, and 28, 2016. Thousands of volunteers will partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to conduct the street count enumeration that has occurred every two years since 2005; and

WHEREAS, the count itself is federally-mandated, the purpose and benefits of conducting the Homeless Count goes far beyond meeting a requirement. The data gathered in January will be extremely valuable to efforts to reduce and end homelessness across Los Angeles County. It will help service providers, policy makers, local governments, elected officials and other stakeholders understand the geographic and demographic diversity of homelessness so that the types of services and housing provided are responsive to the need; and


WHEREAS, collecting this data provides an opportunity to track changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population over time, and to monitor our progress towards ending homelessness. We must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation in this important endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will increase public awareness of homeless issues, and will generate new data and public support for solutions that help end homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles by the adoption of this Resolution hereby proclaims January 26-28, 2016, as Homeless Count Week 2016.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the City Council direct the following City Departments and agencies to support the Homeless Count by cooperating with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, encouraging volunteers and responding completely and in a timely manner to LAHSA's requests: Housing and Community Investment Department; Department of Cultural Affairs; Department of General Services, Office of Public Safety; Department of Recreation and Parks; Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services; Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation; Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles; Library Department; Los Angeles Department of Transportation; Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Los Angeles Fire Department; Los Angeles World Airports; Los Angeles Zoo; and The Port of Los Angeles.

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