

MOTION

Due to requirements by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Super Notice of Funding Application that funds the majority of the LAHSA portfolio of services for families and individuals will no longer fund any shelter facilities or transitional housing. The federal government has been moving toward funding only those programs that fit into the Housing First model for some time. As a consequence on Friday, November 6th, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency (LAHSA) voted to defund domestic violence and homeless veteran shelters in Los Angeles.

This is a major risk to our domestic violence victims and homeless veteran populations. In 2015, LAHSA's homeless count showed that one third of our homeless population, 8,801 individuals, suffered from a domestic violence experience as a contributing factor to their homelessness. This is double the already substantial portion of our homeless population who are veterans, 4,016 or 15.6% of our homeless population. Closing these programs could limit interim housing options to fully half of our homeless population. This is a particular risk for domestic violence victims as ACLU studies have shown upwards of 40% of domestic violence victims return to abuse relationships because of limited access to other interim housing options.

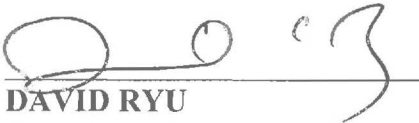
Victims of crime and veterans waiting for federal housing support should not be swept up into the Housing First policy without the city first considering how to best serve these populations and supporting providers who deliver excellent service. These shelters are critical for the safety of domestic violence victims and their families as well as to our homeless veterans in our City.

Currently, LAHSA is looking to find local funding for the veteran shelters being defunded.

However, at present, our domestic violence shelters are still without a dedicated funding source and could close. This, in good conscience, cannot occur.



I THEREFORE MOVE, to request LAHSA and the CAO to report on the cost and feasibility of locally funding the domestic violence shelters in good standing slated for closure.

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