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During the budget process for Fiscal Year 2016-17, the City of Los Angeles committed \$35.8 million to addressing homelessness for programs administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Given the many demands on the City's general fund for services, and the urgent needs of the homeless individuals in our neighborhoods, it is important to spend every dollar on programs serving the homeless in the most efficient and effective way possible.

LAHSA performs regular fiscal and programmatic monitoring of various service providers, including measuring the active number of participants in programs and the overall number of individuals served. However, it does not regularly assess the outcomes of those programs in serving the City's objectives of bringing homeless individuals to a state of readiness for conventional housing and employment, and reducing the size of the homeless population overall.

According to the Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy, the City of Los Angeles must create a system that uses data to analyze the effectiveness of homelessness programs. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a database administered by LAHSA, already centralizes data detailing the characteristics and circumstances of each homeless individual that is participating in a LAHSA-coordinated service or program. HMIS is supplemented by the Coordinated Entry System (CES), aimed at streamlining coordination among service providers in the eight Los Angeles County Service Planning Areas.

While HMIS and CES provide a starting point to track services provided and individuals served, a more comprehensive analysis will be required to measure the effectiveness of the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy elements and provide guidance to policymakers for use in budgetary decisions and refinements to the strategy as the demographics and challenges facing the homeless population change over time. Both LAHSA and the City should leverage the available data to evaluate the effectiveness of programs, hold service providers accountable, and maximize the efficiency of the uses of public funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to work with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in developing a quarterly report using Homeless Management Information System data on the outcomes of homeless individuals, and provide contextually relevant analysis that assesses the performance of LAHSA programs at bringing people permanently out of homelessness.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report should consider which programs are most effective at aiding the different demographic groups that comprise the homeless population in Los Angeles to help

focus the efforts of service providers when catering to the varied challenges facing each homeless demographic.

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