

MOTION

As the number of homeless encampments in the City increases, it is critical that there be a swift and effective response to address the needs of the unsheltered and communities impacted by encampments. On July 1, 2015, the Council President announced that the previously established Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness would become a permanent Committee on Homelessness and Poverty, affirming the City's robust commitment to these issues. The Committee will continue working closely with departments and agencies that provide housing and services to craft a comprehensive strategy to address the increasing homeless population living on our streets.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), a joint powers authority of the City and County, is charged with coordinating federal and local funding to address homelessness and plays a critical role in responding to issues that arise at homeless encampments. LAHSA currently has an Emergency Response Team (ERT) solely dedicated to providing services to homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless.

In the City's 2015-16 Adopted Budget, funding was provided to support twenty (20) additional ERT positions to be deployed to various homeless activity locations in the City of Los Angeles. Funding was also provided to support the ongoing Operation Healthy Streets initiatives in the Skid Row and Venice areas, and the Clean Streets Initiative Citywide to address illegal dumping, alleyway clean ups and homeless encampment clean ups. It is in the City's best interest to ensure that LAHSA's ERT resources are deployed and leveraged in a manner that maximizes their efficiency and positive impact.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that Council request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to report to the Homelessness & Poverty Committee on the Emergency Response Team (ERT) system including but not limited to the current staffing levels, status of hiring the twenty new employees for the City as well as the new hires funded by the County, areas of deployment for the new staff, outreach strategies, the ERT's interaction with the liaisons from both Clean Streets Initiative and Operation Healthy Streets, as well as any anticipated measureable impacts associated with this new influx of resources.

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