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Women comprise approximately one-third of the City's homeless population according to the 2016 Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. The PIT Counts were conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and LAHSA identified over 1,100 more women experiencing homelessness in 2016 than were identified in 2015. LAHSA determined that not only is the number of homeless women growing, but that the percentage of homeless women is also growing. This growth accounts for approximately 41 percent of the total homeless population increase from 2015 to 2016.

According to a recent Needs Assessment released by the Downtown Women's Center (DWC) and the Downtown Women's Action Coalition, women experiencing homelessness in Downtown report housing and shelter as two of their top priorities. The top priorities identified by homeless women in downtown are as follows: housing (73%); mental and physical healthcare (42%); and, shelter beds/emergency beds (32%).

The City recognizes the need to focus on women's homelessness, including homeless women with children, and, in partnership with the DWC and the Domestic Violence Task Force, incorporated interventions into the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS). The strategies include 9K Women's Homelessness - Domestic Violence & 9L Women's Homelessness - Employment Development.

Strategy 9K includes an instruction to LAHSA to conduct a Housing Gap analysis to identify the housing needs of all women in the City, and that the Housing Gap analysis also include the supportive services needed by women, including domestic violence services. LAHSA reported to the HSC earlier this year that the Housing Gap was being developed and they would provide a status report in the coming months. LAHSA also has programs specifically tailored to assist families.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, the City's Homelessness Coordinator, with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and other City departments as necessary, include in the next Quarterly report of the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, a status update regarding efforts to address women's homelessness, including Strategies 9K - Women's Homelessness - Domestic Violence and 9L - Women's Homelessness - Employment Development. The report should consider whether it is necessary to pursue funding for housing and facilities targeted to women and families through the recently approved Measure HHH the Homelessness Reduction and Prevention, Housing, and Facilities Bond that will provide up to \$1.2 billion to develop housing and facilities for the homeless.

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