

**Downtown Women's Center (DWC) Recommendations
to the Los Angeles City Council Budget and Finance Committee
April 25, 2016**

We are thrilled the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy (CHS) has passed, and we thank the Council for its leadership in making this unprecedented effort possible. The CHS includes two strategies focused on women – the first (**Strategy 9K**) calls for more data, research, and services for women, and the second (**Strategy 9L**) explores employment opportunities for women. Strategy 9K is among those strategies listed as priorities for 2016-2017.

Below are two components of Strategy 9K we urge you to designate as line-item appropriations in the 2016-2017 BUDGET.

1. Housing Gap Analysis: \$60,000

Women are a significant subpopulation comprising one-third of the total homeless population in the City of Los Angeles. A quarter of the homeless population is women without children or dependents, who don't have access to services available for families. We have seen with other subpopulations, such as veterans and youth, that by identifying their specific needs and meeting those needs with services, the numbers experiencing homelessness can be significantly reduced

Undertaking a Housing Gap Analysis is a critical step in reducing homelessness for one-third of the existing homeless population. An analysis of city homeless services and shelter/housing based on gender will tell us where and at what rate women are accessing services, which will help us identify likely gaps. The data will be used moving forward to help identify and reduce gaps in services and housing for women as well as provide a base measurement for evaluating programs' effectiveness in serving women.

Administration and Cost: Existing data sources that include gender, such as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) managed by LAHSA, could be used to collect and produce needed data on women. Adding the layer of gender to analyses that do not presently report by gender, such as shelter bed counts, could also be used to produce data. The cost is expected to be \$60,000, given that data can be derived from existing sources.

2. Trauma-Informed Care Training: \$18,400

Trauma-informed care (TIC) is a necessary standard in ensuring service providers meet women's needs in both women-only and mixed-gender settings. TIC is a service model that asks, "What happened to you?" rather than "What is wrong with you?" It acknowledges a homeless woman is likely to have experienced trauma at some point during her lifetime – 60% of DWC's population are survivors of domestic violence, 50% have experienced sexual assault, and 40% have experienced child abuse – which is compounded by the trauma of homelessness itself.

Trauma-informed care is an evidence-based practice that is effective for all individuals who have experienced the trauma of homelessness, but it is particularly effective for women, given their higher likelihood to have also survived personal violence. When used across all levels of service provision, TIC greatly improves effectiveness of emergency and permanent services, reducing costs and yielding stronger outcomes.

The City would be taking a significant step by beginning to implement TIC now, given the model's increasing traction as a best practice, similar to Housing First and Permanent Supportive Housing.

Administration & Cost: We recommend trauma-informed care be implemented in a number of City departments and programs that interface with individuals experiencing homelessness. These include the LAPD, Emergency Response Teams (ERTs), Navigation/Open Door Centers, and the Library. Based on a training package of two half-day sessions (\$3,000) and administration and coordination (\$1,600), the cost per department/program would be \$4,600, for a total of \$18,400. The use of a Fidelity tool would help assess the faithfulness of trauma-informed care implementation in the departments and programs, as well as assess the trainings' success.

BUDGET PLACEMENT

The **Housing Gap Analysis** in the amount of \$60,000 could be included under the Data-Driven Challenge category in the proposed 2016-17 budget. The Challenge category is designated "to establish a public challenge to generate data and evidence-based strategies for providing homeless services." An analysis by gender would help generate new data and advance program effectiveness and impact. Should the Challenge category be removed as a result of budget discussions, we ask that a line item covering the Housing Gap Analysis cost be established.

The **Trauma-Informed Care Training** in the amount of \$18,400 could be split among the following proposed budget categories: Emergency Response Teams; Navigation/Open Door Centers; Library Department – Homelessness Engagement Enhancement; and Police Department – Support for Public Right-of-Way Clean Up.

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1978, the **Downtown Women's Center** is the only organization in Los Angeles exclusively dedicated to addressing the needs of women overcoming poverty and homelessness in the city. Our mission is to provide permanent supportive housing and a safe and healthy community fostering dignity, respect, and personal stability, and to advocate ending homelessness for women. We serve thousands of women each year through our onsite residences and community-based housing placements, drop-in Day Center, Women's Health Center, job readiness program, and through our social enterprise MADE by DWC, which operates two storefronts in downtown LA.

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April 28, 2016

Honorable Councilmember Paul Krekorian
 Chair, Budget & Finance Committee
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Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

On behalf of the leadership of United Way of Greater Los Angeles, we are grateful for your work to effectively steward the public resources of our great City, and we stand with you in your commitment to addressing the homelessness crisis in our region. The recent progress we have made in veteran and family homelessness demonstrates that strategic investments in permanent solutions are critical in creating true progress.

The Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 propels the City of Los Angeles in this effort, and we appreciate the strong commitment to identifying resources in the immediate term. The topline funding for homelessness of \$138 million is critical to accelerating our forward momentum, and the mix of interventions that blend immediate relief and long-term solutions is vital to real impact.

We are especially pleased with the substantial increase in allocation to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and we would like to draw your attention to two items that we believe are needed to connect and catalyze the rest of your investments.

1. **CES Regional Coordination: Increase from \$700,000 to \$2 million**

Regional Coordination funded at \$700,000 would maintain the present level of coordination in each Service Planning Area (SPA). In order to create the linkages needed with front-line City staff and create the breadth and depth of supports to streamline the CES infrastructure, the coordination resources must be strengthened, rather than simply maintained. The following table illustrate the potential effects of this additional funding:

Proposed: \$175,000 per City Region	Requested: \$500,000 per City Region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPA Coordination: stitching together existing privately and publicly funded homeless programs throughout the SPA into a no-wrong door system for that region • General Case Conferencing: Case managers of all types conference every 1-4 weeks to collaboratively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPA Coordination • General Case Conferencing • PSH Matching <p><i>Additional Capabilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hub Coordination: Focusing on the dividing the SPA region into smaller hubs, ensuring the organization and

<p>coordinate services for clients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Matching: PSH opportunities matched with persons assessed through CES 	<p>integration of local organizations that work at a district level (i.e., Hubs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Coordination & Dispatch: Coordination of outreach worker to ensure broader coverage and faster response • Shelter, Rapid Rehousing Matching • System & Service Coordination: optimized connections of Navigation & Access Centers, Safe Parking Sites, and Mobile Showers to CES
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2. **CES Coordinated Case Management (Outreach & Housing Navigation): \$6.1 million**

This addition of CES Coordinated Case Management would provide the street to home supports that enable the proactive outreach and placement of higher-acuity persons on our streets who may not otherwise engage with our systems. Outreach and navigation services enable the community to work with these high-acuity persons to meet their immediate needs, collect the needed documents for housing, and link them to permanent housing resources. This resource would serve to significantly expand the street engagement infrastructure the City presently provides, enabling a much broader and deeper coverage of the region.

We urge you to seriously consider these two additions. The Home For Good Funders Collaborative is prepared to supplement these resources with additional private investments and will partner with LAHSA to ensure effective coordination of these public and private resources to every region of the City.

Please let us know if there are questions we can answer, and we look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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(CF 16-0600) Budget & Finance Committee: Fund Preservation Positions in Dept of City Planning

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Dear Budget & Finance Committee members, Councilmember Koretz, and Council President Wesson,

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If these staff positions are eliminated, Angelenos will continue to see their neighborhoods' character chip away, one teardown at a time. The benefits of preserving neighborhood character are undeniable, and you are no doubt well aware that these issues – and these positions – are of critical importance to your constituents.

Please, restore the funding for these critical neighborhood preservation positions in City Planning.

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Please Restore Funding for the two Neighborhood Preservation Oversight Positions

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Comment on CF #16-0600 (proposed FY 2016-17 budget), Support for Eagle Rock Dog Park

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Dear Mayor Garcetti and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

Thank you all for your efforts to make Los Angeles a healthier place to live, for both its citizens and their pets. I love living in Eagle Rock and enjoying my neighborhood which includes a great deal of wonderful dogs!

I'd like to request that the funding for the Eagle Rock Dog Park, which the Mayor discussed with our Neighborhood Council on April 9, be included in the city's Proposed Budget for 2016-17, as a Recreation and Parks line item. The amounts are \$785,000 for construction of the park, and approximately \$150,000 for maintenance.

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Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sharon Hendricks

Eagle Rock Resident

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Respectfully,

Bobby Miller
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HPOZ Funding

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Dear Councilmember Bonin,

I am writing regarding the urgent matter of restoring funding for two positions in Department of City Planning's Neighborhood Conservation staff, to ensure new HPOZ's can move forward.

As a lifelong Angeleno, I believe that it is imperative that measures be taken to preserve the historical integrity of our neighborhoods. I urge you to support funding the Department of City Planning's budget to maintain these crucial positions.

Sincerely,

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Comment on CF#16-0600 (proposed FY 2016-17 Budget), support for Eagle Rock Dog Park

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Respectfully,

*Kate Chambers (and Otis and Coconutflower)
Eagle Rock Resident*

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"You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one." — John Lennon



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(CF 16-0600) Budget & Finance Committee: Fund Preservation Positions in Dept of City Planning

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As a resident of District 5 and a member of the South Carthay Neighborhood Association, I urge Councilman Koretz to please vote to **restore the funding for these critical neighborhood preservation positions in City Planning.**

Best regards,

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Comment on CF#16-0600 (proposed FY 2016-17 Budget), support for Eagle Rock Dog Park

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Dog Park

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Dear Mayor Garcetti and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I'm a new homeowner in Eaglerock, and I love living in this neighborhood so much. Its a wonderful place with great people businesses. The only thing its missing- a dog park! I've been saying this since my husband and I moved in a year ago. A dog park really brings a neighborhood together and brings joy to all. I really hope a dog park becomes a reality in Eaglerock!

Thank you very much!

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Respectfully,

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