

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

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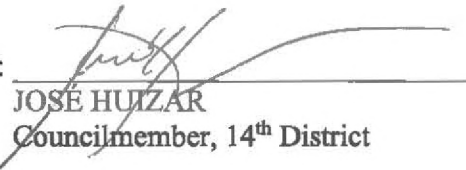
There is a homelessness crisis in the state of California and in the City of Los Angeles. According to the 2018 Point-in-time Homeless Count, there are approximately 31,516 homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles. The number of Latino homeless has grown significantly in recent years. In 2015, there were approximately 11,100 Latinos experiencing homelessness, which increased to 17,540 in 2018, a 35% increase.

In order to better identify strategies and challenges unique to the Latino homeless population, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) should be requested to convene an Ad Hoc Committee on Latinos Experiencing Homeless similar to the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness and the Ad Hoc Committee on Women and Homelessness. The Ad Hoc Committee for Latinos Experiencing Homelessness should be requested to identify strategies unique to this population and should be tasked with finding answers to the questions posed below and other relevant factors that may be identified:

- How is language a barrier to accessing and receiving services;
- How many of the population are monolingual speakers;
- Is LAHSA and their service providers equipped to address the language barrier;
- What is the prevalence of undocumented among the homeless population and are there federal restrictions on funding for the undocumented population;
- How much of a factor are rising rents and evictions, and what strategies might be recommended to prevent homelessness among this population; and
- Any other unique barriers and strategies for this population.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to convene an Ad Hoc Committee on Latinos Experiencing Homelessness and report to Council with findings and recommendations.

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