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Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 12/27/2022

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-1099

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Mid City West Neighborhood Council appreciates the LA City Councilmembers who voted to approve Council Files 22-1099 and 22-1101 on November 22, 2022 related to a third party evaluation of LAHSA's Annual Point-in-Time Homelessness Count including: a critical review of the results from the last few years, an analysis of data methodology, and an assessment of efficacy of housing interventions. We ask that City Council, in coordination, with LAHSA host a town hall style forum to share the findings from the requested third-party evaluation to address questions and concerns from the public. Further, we ask that findings and recommendations be shared at Council District-level and with neighborhood councils to inform homelessness response strategies at a hyper local level. Finally, we ask that City Council encourage LAHSA to prioritize engagement with the hundreds of community-based organizations – and neighborhood councils – that serve as deployment sites for the annual LAHSA Point-in-Time Homelessness Count.



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2021 -2023**



**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF:**

Lauren Nichols  
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[Council File 22-1101\(FOR\)](#)  
Point-in-Time (PIT) Count / Homeless Population / Third-Party / Multi-Year Audit / Los Angeles  
Homeless Services Authority / Methodology Evaluation

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[Council File 22-1099\(FOR\)](#)  
2020-22 Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts / Affordable Housing Placements / New Shelter Beds and Housing  
Units / Encampment-to-Homes Operations

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Finally, we ask that City Council encourage LAHSA to prioritize engagement with the hundreds of community-based organizations – and neighborhood councils – that serve as deployment sites for the annual LAHSA Point-in-Time Homelessness Count. Unfortunately, LAHSA has not prioritized communication and support for organizations who serve as deployment site hubs. For example, on October 24, 2022 LAHSA sent out an invitation ([Exhibit A](#)) for an in-person meeting the following day on October 25, 2022 to announce the 2023 Count Launch. One day notice was insufficient and further characterizes LAHSA's relationship with the community organizations and volunteers who give their time to host the Count. In light of the skepticism and confusion surrounding the recently released 2022 Count results, written about in multiple news outlets including the [LA Times](#), we hope that City Council will hold LAHSA accountable and amplify the voices of community based organizations who want to authentically partner with LAHSA to address the homelessness crisis.



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We, thank you in advance, for helping us build meaningful bridges with LAHSA to support better coordination and communication to ensure we are working better together to end Los Angeles' homelessness crisis.

Sincerely,

Lauren Nichols  
Chair  
Mid City West Neighborhood Council

CC: Stephen Simon, Interim Executive Director LAHSA

