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Generating Needed Ongoing Revenue to Address The Homeless Crisis in Los Angeles County

The current crisis of homelessness that consumes communities across Los Angeles County (County) demands the maximum possible response by the County, cities, and community partners throughout the region. At the Board of Supervisors' (Board) meeting of February 9, 2016, elected officials and representatives from over fourteen cities from throughout the County testified and pledged their support and commitment to working collaboratively with the County. The Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) Homeless Initiative conducted an inclusive and comprehensive planning process that generated the powerful set of coordinated and integrated strategies which the Board of Supervisors adopted. With dedicated ongoing annual funding, these strategies coupled with complementary action by cities throughout the County, can have a very significant impact on the number of homeless families and individuals.

Based on the Board's commitment made earlier this fiscal year to allocate general fund dollars and the identification of a range of one-time funding from various County departments, the CEO is recommending that \$100 million in new, one-time funding be allocated for the strategies developed by the Homeless Initiative. While this is a significant investment through FY 2016-17, this funding will not sustain the recommended strategies beyond June 2017.

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Best budget projections make it very clear that current County resources are not sufficient to fund initiatives and services to combat homelessness on an ongoing basis, and therefore there is a compelling need to pursue new and sustained annual revenue.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to explore options to increase revenues dedicated specifically to address Los Angeles County's homeless crisis, such as a Mental Health Services Act-like proposal, and report back in writing in 30 days or less; and
- 2) Direct the CEO to immediately conduct polling and research activities to inform the Board of Supervisors as to the optimum timing of when the various options, if authorized, should be submitted for voter approval and how it should be crafted to ensure efficacy, transparency, accountability and the highest likelihood of passage.

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