The winter shelter network, with 14 locations from Pomona to West Los Angeles, was conceived as an emergency response to provide comfort and save lives during the harshest weather. Consequently, it is not funded to provide the level of services and 24-hour accommodations that year-round shelters do. Shelter doors open in the afternoon and close early in the morning. The Board took action and extended the winter shelter program until March 31, 2017. The county-funded shelters that were impacted include the Salvation Army Shelter in Bell and the Long Beach Shelter.

These shelters need to remain open to accommodate our homeless individuals and families.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to identify funding from the Provisional Finance Unit budget for homeless to fund the county-funded shelters as 24 hour shelters until November 2017.

WE, FURTHERMORE, MOVE that the Board direct the CEO to allocate the necessary funding to LAHSA to execute contracts with the County Winter shelter providers.

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MOREOVER, WE, MOVE that when funding becomes available Measure H money could be used to sustain these sites as 24 hour shelters on an on-going basis.

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