# MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HILDA L. SOLIS AND KATHRYN BARGER

**OCTOBER 17, 2017** 

### **Homelessness Outreach Workers**

On June 13, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to identify appropriate Measure H strategies that could address the fiscal impacts of the homeless crisis on County departments and regional agencies that did not participate in the Measure H funding allocation process, including, but not limited to, the County Library, Departments of Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Beaches and Harbors, Coroner, and Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

On September 11, 2017, the CEO reported back on this directive. In survey responses, Metro and the County departments cited in the June 13 motion (except the Medical Examiner-Coroner) identified enhanced outreach and engagement services as key activities that would mitigate the impacts of homelessness; the Medical Examiner-Coroner did not identify any service needs. The Homeless Initiative (HI) identified Strategy E6, Countywide Outreach System, as the only appropriate HI Strategy that would respond to the needs of these County departments and Metro. Therefore, the CEO recommended funding 40 generalist outreach workers dedicated to County departments, Metro, and city parks and libraries.

These 40 outreach workers will work in pairs and be assigned to 20 of the 36 multi-disciplinary outreach teams (MDT) allocated across all eight Service Planning Areas. They will closely collaborate with the other members of their MDT. Their

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primary duties will be to: 1) engage homeless individuals who are using the services and/or living on the property of the identified County departments, Metro, parks, and libraries; 2) provide linkages to housing and supportive services; and 3) ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that all communication and outreach to homeless individuals is culturally competent and linguistically appropriate. The CEO estimated that the cost for the additional outreach workers will be \$1,649,060 from January 2018 to June 2018, which would be administered through the County Health Agency-Department of Health Services (DHS).

## WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

#### Direct the CEO to:

- Transfer \$1,649,000 in one-time funding from the Provisional Financing Uses budget unit allocated for the Homeless Initiative to DHS to fund 40 outreach workers from January 2018 to June 2018; and
- 2. Submit an annualized funding recommendation to sustain these staff as part of the final Measure H funding recommendations for FY 2018-19.

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** 

September 26, 2017 DEPT NO: 060

# REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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