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SPA 3 Weekend Homeless Outreach Teams

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), working with County Departments, agencies, and community-based organizations, has created and implemented a Countywide Outreach System to engage individuals experiencing homelessness and connect them to supportive services and housing. A need for weekend outreach has been addressed in the FY 2018-19 Measure H Funding Recommendations by supporting: (1) one weekend LAHSA outreach team per Service Planning Area (SPA); and (1) one weekend multi-disciplinary outreach team per SPA.

Los Angeles County spans 4,300 square miles, and it is therefore divided into eight SPAs so that public services can be targeted to the specific needs of the residents in each SPA. SPA 3 encompasses 432 square miles in the San Gabriel Valley, is situated between the San Gabriel Mountains to the north and the Whittier Hills to the south, and has a number of rivers and tributaries running through it. The unique topography and

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sheer size of SPA 3 pose certain challenges for service providers who must travel through and around it in order to reach clients. The San Gabriel Valley River and Rio Hondo lend themselves easily to homeless encampment sites, and people living there have been responsible for brush fires.

One additional LAHSA weekend outreach team dedicated to SPA 3 would offer a greater opportunity for individuals experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley to be engaged and receive supportive services.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct CEO, in consultation with LAHSA, to:

1. Allocate funding for one additional LAHSA Homeless Engagement Team on Saturday and Sunday for SPA 3.
2. Report back in 30 days with an implementation plan to reserve a number of interim housing beds and/or motel vouchers for individuals engaged by the SPA 3 weekend homeless outreach teams.

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