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The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (COG) is composed of 16 member cities spanning two supervisorial districts and encompassing a combined population of over 850,000.

According to the 2015 Homeless Count, there are approximately 3,006 people homeless in the areas which encompass the South Bay region. The vast majority of these individuals are single adults, and most of them are considered chronically homeless. Sadly, approximately 19 percent of people experiencing homelessness in the South Bay are veterans, which is a drastic 58 percent increase since the previous Homeless Count in 2013.

As was demonstrated with the Gateway Cities COG and their successful regional approach to homelessness, a key aspect of any solution to this problem will require nothing less than the full support of the cities and communities across the County. The fact that this significant body of local governments have come forward with a commitment to work in partnership with the County is an ideal situation, and we must do all we can to support it.

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The COG asked Persons Assisting the Homeless (PATH), the agency that assisted the Gateway COG, to develop a proposal and initiate a stakeholder process to implement the most effective strategies to end homelessness in the south bay area of Los Angeles County. The strategies will take into account the full landscape of services and resources currently made available and determine the best way additional resources could be leveraged to meet the specific, unique needs of this important area of the County.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to move a total of \$601,645 from the Homeless Prevention Initiative funds dedicated to the Fourth and Second Districts respectively, to a Provisional Financing Use (PFU) account for PATH in order to implement coordinated and targeted outreach and engagement in the Southbay region, with the ultimate aim of connecting homeless persons living on the streets and in encampments to interim residential options, permanent housing and supportive services. PATH will:

1. Conduct targeted outreach at pre-identified “hot spots” or other locations identified by the Fourth and Second Districts and the cities in the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.
2. Create a by-name registry of persons living at each hot-spot (including data on special needs and other demographic information to help with triaging of resources)

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3. Provide quarterly regular updates on outcomes in each hot spot location
  - a. number of persons assessed/engaged
  - b. number of persons placed in interim residential options
  - c. number of persons permanently housed (including type of permanent housing)
  - d. number of persons connected to mental health services
  - e. number of persons connected to substance use services
  - f. number of persons that returned to homelessness/encampment
  - g. number of new persons at encampments
4. Coordinate activities and resources with Harbor Interfaith and the South Bay Homeless Coalition as evidenced by quarterly joint progress reports.

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