

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

November 19, 2015

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors  
FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee  
SUBJECT: Creation of a Committee on Homeless Services

## **Adherence to Strategic Plan:**

*Goal A: Environment, Transportation, and Economic Development.* Facilitate, implement, and/or educate members and others about environmental, transportation, and economic development programs that benefit the South Bay. Strategy 5 – Actively pursue opportunities for infrastructure funding for member agencies.

## **BACKGROUND**

At last month's Board meeting, Board member Joe Buscaino asked that the SBCCOG form a Committee to address Homeless issues and he offered to chair the committee. Hermosa Beach Councilman Hany Fangary also volunteered to be a member of the committee. The item was referred to the Steering Committee for further discussion.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

One of the functions that the SBCCOG will be performing with the funds that the county has allocated to the South Bay for special services for the homeless with PATH is oversight and liaison with our cities. The liaison function will probably entail at least quarterly meetings with staff from all of our cities and reports to the Board.

Additionally, making sure that the South Bay service providers are all coordinating their outreach will be important.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board authorize the formation of a Homeless Services Committee to be chaired by Los Angeles Councilman Joe Buscaino. They further recommend that at its first meeting the committee discuss its scope which will include oversight of the services to be provided by PATH.

Volunteers for the committee so far beyond proposed Chair Buscaino are RHE Councilmember Britt Huff, Lawndale Councilmember Jim Osborne, Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath and Hermosa Beach Councilmember Hany Fangary. Other elected officials interested should let Jacki Bacharach know. This committee is expected to also be inviting city staff members to participate.

The first meeting of the committee should it be approved would be scheduled in January 2016.