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**Re-Evaluation of Service Planning Areas for the Equitable Distribution of Services Throughout the County of Los Angeles**

The County of Los Angeles (County) has an important role in distributing services throughout the County by its various county departments. Due to the large size of the County, it has been divided into 8 geographic area called Service Planning Areas. These distinct regions allow the Department of Children and Family Services, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Public Social Services and Probation to provide more relevant health and community services targeted to the specific needs of the residents in these different areas. In addition, these Service Planning Areas have been essential in determining how County homeless funds and services are distributed.

In 1992, representatives of the various service systems convened to identify new, common service boundaries which would not divide natural geographic or ethnic communities and, to the extent possible, keep city, school, health and police districts intact.

In November 1993, the Board of Supervisors approved eight regional service planning areas (SPAs) for planning, service coordination, and information- and data-sharing by major county departments serving children and families. The departments of Children and Family Services, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Social Services and Probation were instructed to begin implementation of these common boundaries for

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planning activities, and non-county entities were asked to adopt the same planning areas. Since that time, key organizations and agencies such as United Way, the Wellness Foundation, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and the California Community Foundation have also adopted the SPA boundaries to help organize and coordinate their planning and distribution of services.

These Services Planning Areas haven't been significantly changed or modified for nearly 30 years. With the completion of the 2020 Census, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to determine whether there should be a detailed review of the Service Planning Area boundaries. Many communities, cities and organizations feel that they are located within the wrong geographic area and that they are not involved in the Service Planning Area System.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Direct the CEO to report back within 120 days of receiving detailed 2020 Census data at a community level with an assessment of whether a detailed review of the Service Planning Area geographic boundary lines should be undertaken, based on population and demographic changes identified in the census data.
2. Direct the CEO and necessary County Departments in consultation with LAHSA to designate the City of Signal Hill to Service Planning Area 8 and City of Paramount to Service Planning Area 7. These moves shall take effect only after the assessment described in Directive 1 and at the same time as any other changes in SPA boundaries that may result from Directive 1.
3. Direct the CEO, Department of Public Health, and Department of Health Services, and any other departments identified by the CEO, in consultation with the various Councils of Governments (COGs), to report back in 90 days after the completion of the assessment set forth in Directive 1 with a recommended process to develop protocols for the inclusion

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of COGs in existing SPA structures, where COGs can provide input and receive information on health and public health services impacting their specific region, as well as any other services identified by the CEO.

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