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September 22, 2015

Anton Dahlerbruch
City Manager
340 Palos Verdes Drive West
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Dear Mr. Dahlerbruch:

HOMELESS INITIATIVE

As we all know, the incidence of homelessness throughout Los Angeles County is increasing. In this context, on August 17, 2015, with unanimous support of the Board of Supervisors, I launched the Homeless Initiative within the County's Chief Executive Office. The initial goal of this initiative is to develop a coordinated set of recommended County strategies to reduce homelessness for consideration by the Board of Supervisors in February 2016.

To develop these recommended strategies, the Homeless Initiative will conduct an intensive, inclusive planning process. From October 1, 2015 to December 3, 2015, there will be 18 policy summits, two summits on each of nine topics. The policy summits will bring together: County Department representatives; city representatives; the Veterans Administration; and invited community stakeholders and experts. I would like to invite your city to participate in whichever policy summits are of interest to you.

The policy summits will address the following topics:

- Affordable Care Act Opportunities
- Coordination/Integration of Current Services and "No Wrong Door"
- Discharges into Homelessness
- Employment
- Encampments/Street Homelessness/ Outreach and Engagement
- Homelessness Prevention
- Land Use
- Subsidized Housing
- Supplemental Security Income/Veterans Benefits Advocacy

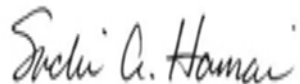
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The attached chart provides more detailed information regarding the policy summits.

To sign-up to participate in any of the policy summits, please have your appropriate staff send an e-mail to: Ashlee Oh at Aoh@ceo.lacounty.gov. The e-mail should identify the specific staff person for each summit, including title, phone number, and e-mail address. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Ansell, Director, Homeless Initiative at pansell@ceo.lacounty.gov or 213-974-1752.

I look forward to collaborating with you, as we work together to combat homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sachin A. Hamai".

SACHI A. HAMAI
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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Homeless Initiative Policy Summit Schedule

Topics with meeting dates/times	Description
<p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1, 2015 9am – Noon • October 29, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm 	<p>Many homeless families and individuals have the ability to work and thereby pay some or all of their own rent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What additional efforts should be undertaken to help unemployed homeless individuals (including parents) to secure employment?
<p>Land Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 1, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm • November 5, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm 	<p>Land use policy has a critical impact on the availability of affordable housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should land use policy be modified to encourage increased affordable housing?
<p>Supplemental Security Income/ Veterans Benefit Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 8, 2015 9am – Noon • November 5, 2015 9am – Noon 	<p>Multiple County Departments and non-county agencies currently provide SSI/Veteran Benefits Advocacy to disabled homeless individuals, including parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would a coordinated countywide approach to benefits advocacy enable more disabled, homeless individuals to qualify for SSI/Veterans Benefits?
<p>Homelessness Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 8, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm • November 19, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm 	<p>Reducing homelessness requires a reduction in the number of people who become homeless, in addition to strategies to help currently homeless people secure housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What actions could/should be undertaken to reduce the number of people who become homeless?
<p>Affordable Care Act Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15, 2015 9am - Noon • November 12, 2015 9am – Noon 	<p>As of January 1, 2014, almost all homeless families and individuals qualify for full-scope Medi-Cal, including mental health and substance use disorder services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What opportunities does this create for service integration? • Are there opportunities for additional funding through the ACA?

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<p>Encampments/Street Homelessness Outreach/Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm • November 12, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm 	<p>There has been a substantial increase in encampments and street homelessness, and there are multiple outreach teams administered by various agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should encampments and street homelessness be addressed? • What can be done to ensure that the various teams are coordinating their outreach efforts under a unified framework?
<p>Coordination of Current Services and “No Wrong Door”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 21, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm • November 19, 2015 9am – Noon 	<p>Homeless families and individuals receive a wide range of services from multiple County Departments, as well as from cities, LAHSA, and other agencies. For the most part, these services are not currently coordinated or integrated, and each County Department/Agency currently responds differently to homeless families and individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What opportunities are there for more effective coordination and/or integration? • Should there be a standardized County response to homeless families and individuals?
<p>Discharges into Homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 22, 2015 9am – Noon • December 3, 2015 1:30pm – 4:30pm 	<p>Many individuals are homeless upon discharge by a County Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can be done to reduce the number of people discharged into homelessness?
<p>Subsidized Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 29, 2015 9am - Noon • December 3, 2015 9am - Noon 	<p>There is a severe shortage of subsidized housing for families/individuals who lack sufficient funds to pay for rent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What opportunities are there to increase subsidized housing?