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October 27, 2015

The Honorable Joe Buscaino
Councilmember, 15th District
Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street, Room 410
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Joe:

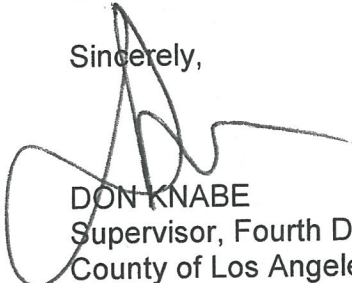
I received your letter regarding the homeless problem in the South Bay area, and I share your concerns. There is no question that, despite our collective efforts, homelessness remains a pervasive issue. According to the 2015 Homeless Count, there are approximately 3,006 people homeless in the areas which 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.

Successfully eradicating this problem will require nothing less than the full support of the cities and communities across the County. Fortunately, we have a great roundtable of leaders at the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) that have come forward with a specific plan to work collaboratively on this. As a result, I worked with Supervisor Ridley-Thomas to designate funding to implement the most effective strategies to end homelessness in the areas that are encompassed by the cities of the SBCCOG.

I fully support the creation of a special committee on homelessness through the SBCCOG, and I believe that it is the perfect timing for such a group to come together.

Thank you for your leadership in the fight to end homelessness in the South Bay, and I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



DON KNABE
Supervisor, Fourth District
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