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The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas
Los Angeles County Supervisor, 2nd District
866 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: PATH – People Assisting the Homeless

Dear Supervisor Ridley-Thomas:

Working together through the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), the cities of the South Bay have come together with the unified voice to request that the county provide enhanced and coordinated services for the homeless through PATH. We are delighted to have support from Supervisor Knabe's office and appreciate the time we had with your staff. We now ask for you to join Supervisor Knabe and fund these services.

Our cities deal with this problem every day and they report that it is only becoming more severe. The PATH proposal will cost \$600,000 split in half between the two Supervisorial offices and will provide with a program that has a proven track record.

People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) has a unique approach to addressing homelessness by directly connecting people living on the streets with permanent, affordable housing linked with critical supportive services. SBCCOG has also assured that PATH is also committed to working with local community resources so that existing services will be augmented and not duplicated.

Before we made the request of the Supervisors, we researched the program in the Gateway COG cities. The Gateway COG was effusive in their support of the services they are receiving from PATH. PATH has been successfully working with community partners in the Gateway COG cities for the last three years with great success placing over 800 people in permanent housing with a high percentage remaining in this housing even after one year. With the right critical support services, PATH and community partners can make a huge impact on the lives of these community members who are in great need.

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The South Bay Cities Council of Governments is requesting your financial support for this very worthwhile program. We ask that you make this a priority and so that we can get started. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



James F. Goodhart
SBCCOG Chair