

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

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SUBJECT: Re-alignment of Organization of County Homeless Service Administration

## Adherence to Strategic Plan:

*Goal B: Regional Advocacy.* Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

## BACKGROUND

The County Supervisors created the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) to review how programs service the homeless are administered. This commission has been meeting since September 8, 2021. Their work is scheduled to be completed in April.

While several plans for reorganization have been discussed, there is no particular plans to comment on. Therefore, SBCCOG staff is proposing that the Steering Committee approve principles for the reorganization that should be included in any proposal. They are:

- 1) Consolidate the myriad of committees, boards, and commissions into one “shot caller” board that has cities and COG representation
- 2) Support regional infrastructure in the form of increased funding for regional projects (homeless courts, city homeless staffs, shelters, etc.)
- 3) Increase data sharing, especially with cities and COGs
- 4) Increase coordination between County departments and cities; and also between County departments themselves.
  - a. This could be in the form of spinning off CEO-Homeless Initiatives into its own department that oversees homelessness programs across departments and cities.
- 5) Support some form of reduction of LAHSAs role.

As specific proposals are considered, staff will bring them back for consideration as time permits. Staff is also working with the BRCH Committee Chair Christian Horvath to provide comments.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve principles described above for consideration in any proposal to reorganize the county’s administration of homeless services.