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**Engaging Community Based Organizations in an Effective Trauma Prevention Initiative**

On December 8, 2015, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) (MRT) instructed the Department of Health Services to, among other things, work with the Department of Public Health to develop and implement a trauma prevention initiative in regions of the County that experience a disproportionately high incidence of trauma. The Board took this action because two reports, one conducted by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency and another by the University of Southern California, both confirmed substantial disparities in trauma rates and mortality throughout the County. For example, trauma rates in Service Planning Area (SPA) 6 (South Los Angeles) are more than double the County average. Since then, the departments have been diligently working to create an initiative that engages community based organizations and leverages existing public health programs and resources to augment the trauma prevention initiative funds for the greatest impact.

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includes \$685,000 in Measure B funds for the Department of Public Health to establish a trauma prevention initiative. As the Department of Public Health proceeds with development and implementation of this initiative, it is important to understand the proposed spending plan and determine the role that will be played by community based organizations.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Direct the Interim Director of the Department of Public Health to report back in writing within 30 days with the proposed spending plan to implement the trauma prevention initiative in regions of the County of Los Angeles that experience disproportionately high incidents of trauma utilizing the \$685,000 of funding included in the fiscal year 2016-17 Recommended Budget. The report should identify how the funds will be allocated for each element of the plan and indicate what portion of the funds will be allocated to community based organizations to support effective trauma prevention activities.

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