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Maintaining the County’s Homeless Expenditures

On December 6, 2016, the Board of Supervisors (Board) voted to place Measure H, the Special ¼ Cent Sales Tax to Combat Homelessness, on the March 7, 2017 countywide ballot. The intent was that the revenue from Measure H would supplement and not supplant any existing ongoing funds which the County of Los Angeles (County) currently expends to combat homelessness. Therefore, if Measure H is approved by the voters, the Board should establish a Maintenance of Effort requirement to ensure the continuation of the County’s current expenditures to combat homelessness, to the extent that those expenditures are supported by ongoing and sustained funding sources.

To enable the Board to establish such a Maintenance of Effort requirement, the Board needs a list of current County expenditures to combat homelessness. This list should only include funding the County anticipates receiving and allocating annually over the long-term. For example, the County is in receipt of a Whole Person Care grant from the Federal government, and while the plan is to disperse those funds for

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programs and services to the homeless over the next four years, it should not be considered as an ongoing funding source.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board of Supervisors (Board) in writing in 60 days with a list of current and ongoing Los Angeles County (County) expenditures that are used to combat homelessness, including the funding source(s), based on FY 2015-16 actual expenditures and FY 2016-17 budgeted expenditures to guide the Board in the adoption of a Maintenance of Effort requirement should Measure H be approved by County voters in March 2017.

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