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Helping Homeless Women

Los Angeles County (County) is in the midst of a homeless crisis that affects more than 44,000 men, women and children who are sleeping at night in emergency shelters, vehicles and on unsafe streets as harsh winter storms approach. According to the 2015 Homeless Count, one-third of all homeless persons in the County reside in the Second Supervisorial District. Nearly 5,000 of these Second Supervisorial District homeless residents are women, who are especially vulnerable to violence, sexual predators and exploitation, and further trauma.

On December 15, 2015, the Board of Supervisors (Board) took action to cut the red tape to facilitate the County's efforts to quickly move vulnerable homeless persons off the streets and out of harm's way as El Niño approaches. That action better enabled the Board to ramp up proven successful efforts, like the Department of Health Services' Housing for Health program, to aid those in dire need.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to transfer \$2,000,000 in Second Supervisorial District Year Round Program funds allocated to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, for use by the Department of Health Services' Housing for Health program in order to support an immediate increase in the rate in which homeless persons living in the Second Supervisorial District, especially women, can move quickly off the streets and into supportive interim and permanent housing settings.

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- a. Eligible persons include homeless individuals who are living in shelters or on the streets, regardless of particular diagnosis or conventional sub-population labels.
- b. This funding can be used to fund the best feasible housing intervention alternatives for eligible individuals to facilitate movement toward a more stable and supportive living environment and shall not be limited to a specific “type” of housing intervention.
- c. Housing for Health program will utilize its existing network of Intensive Case Management Providers and Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool mechanism to rapidly deploy these resources to help homeless individuals, especially women.

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