



Board Report

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JANUARY 28, 2016**

Motion by:

SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, DIRECTOR JACQUELYN DUPONT-WALKER and DIRECTOR MIKE BONIN

Item 43: Support for the Los Angeles County Homeless Count

The Homeless Point-in-time Count, led by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), identifies the number of homeless individuals and families included in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care on any given night. Over the course of three days and nights, staff and trained volunteers fan across Los Angeles County and count the number of homeless persons, identifying demographic characteristics as well as the locations where they reside.

The 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count was the largest homeless census in the country. It engaged more than 5,500 volunteers who counted 89 percent of Los Angeles County's census tracts - a powerful showing of hands-on community engagement. Understanding the size and scope of our homeless population is essential. Data from the Homeless Count is the most powerful tool nonprofits and local leadership have to advocate for additional and specialized resources.

APPROVE Motion by Directors Kuehl, Garcetti, Ridley-Thomas, Dupont-Walker and Bonin that the Chief Executive Officer:

- A. encourage Metro staff to volunteer for one of the Los Angeles County Homeless counting nights;
- B. provide tap cards for volunteers to ride our vehicles;
- C. encourage bus operators to share information with volunteers (locations where homeless are sleeping, bus schedules for next bus on that route, etc.);

- D. insure that all Metro facilities (stations, platforms etc.) are made available to Homeless Count Volunteers;

- E. instruct Metro staff to work with LAHSA staff to create a system for documenting homeless population sleeping on or in close proximity to bus benches, stops, stations, parking lots, etc; and

- F. continue to work closely with LAHSA to make Metro resources available (TAP cards, etc.) for future Homeless Counts.