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HOUSING, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The City of Los Angeles dedicated more than \$4.6 million in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget to programs that provide shelter and services to homeless individuals and families in the City. In addition to this funding, more than \$12 million was allocated in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the City's 31st Program Year Consolidated Plan for such services.

The results of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count conducted by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) released in June, 2005 estimate that there are 91,000 homeless persons in Los Angeles County. This is the largest homeless population of any major metropolitan area in the United States. According to this count, forty-two percent of these individuals are considered chronically homeless, having experienced four or more episodes of homelessness in the last three years and one or more disability, including mental illness, substance abuse diagnoses, and health conditions. Of all homeless individuals in Los Angeles County on any one night, 9,875 are in shelters. As of this date, results of this count specific to Los Angeles have not been released.

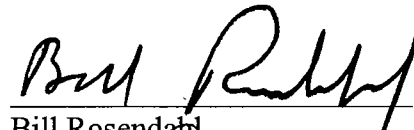
In order to best address the problem of homelessness in the City, and help homeless individuals make the transition to stable housing, homeless shelter bed capacity should be expanded Citywide. Specifically, shelter capacity needs to be expanded on the Westside of Los Angeles beyond what is currently available.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) report to Council in 30 days with a presentation of the results of the 2005 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, including a presentation of results as they specifically relate to the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the LAHSA, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, to report to Council in 60 days relative to actions necessary to expand homeless shelter capacity on the Westside of Los Angeles, including, but not limited to: recommendations regarding necessary funding and potential sources of funding; the potential to target existing funding to the siting of shelters on the Westside; optimal siting and service requirements; potential for cooperation and/or participation in the efforts of Los Angeles County to expand shelter; and a process for the identification of an operator or operators for new shelter beds.

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