



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No. _____**

FROM: Interim City Administrator

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Results of the City of Commerce Homeless Count 2019

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file report on the results of the City of Commerce Homeless Count 2019.

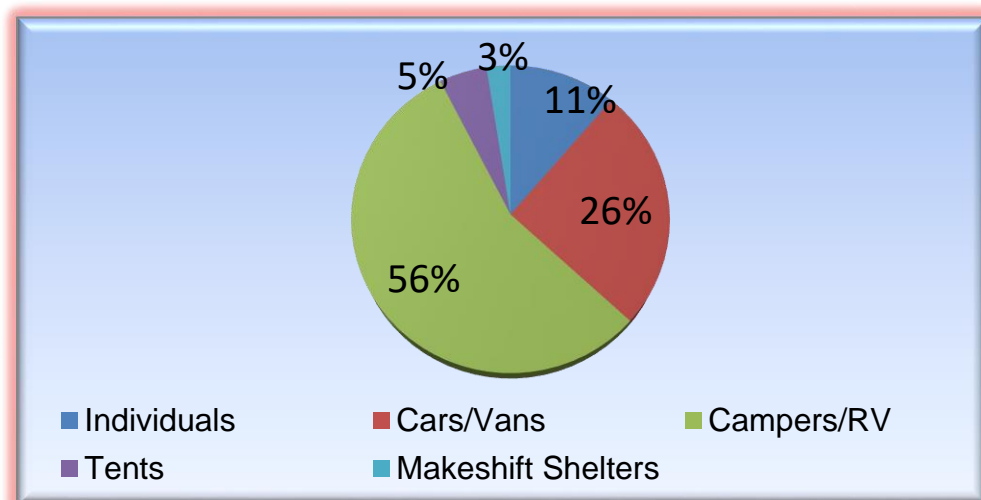
ANALYSIS:

For the last four years the City Council "Opted In" to participate in the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Staff was then authorized to conduct a street count of homeless persons within the City of Commerce.

On January 23, 2019, LA County Sheriff's Sgt. Hernandez, COPS Deputies, Social Services Coordinators, Code Enforcement officers, Community Services Officers and a few volunteers canvassed the community from 8 pm. to 12 am. conducting the 2019 Homeless Count.

The tally for the street count in Commerce totaled 160, here's the breakdown:

- Individuals 18
- Cars 34
- Vans 7
- Campers/RV 89
- Tents 8
- Makeshift Shelters 4



The total number of 160 homeless is increase from previous years:

	Homeless Count
2018	
2017	77
2016	40
2015	52

The City of Commerce continues its efforts to make contact, identify, assist homeless individuals/families that live in their vehicles (RV's, Cars, and Vans), set up tents/encampments, trespass private and City owned unoccupied lots, along the freeways, and/or the railroad tracks throughout the City of Commerce. In addition, the City Council recently passed ordinance prohibiting overnight parking and dwelling the vehicles. The ordinance goes into effect March 5, 2019 and permanent signs will be placed on City streets. City's Homeless Task Force is scheduled regularly to do enforcement and provide necessary social services to displaced individuals. The City is partnering with Helpline Youth Counseling for Gateway Connection Project to provide coordinated and integrated outreach, case managements, housing navigation, housing placements and housing retention services for homeless individuals and families.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Provide staff with further direction

FISCAL IMPACT:

This activity may be carried out without additional impact to the current operating budget.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

This matter is applicable to the following Strategic Focus Area and Guiding Principle: Community Quality of Life – Guiding Principle 4: Support and evaluate community services, programs and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our residents. Enhance public safety and social services through innovative programs that meet the needs of the residential and business communities.

Respectfully Submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator

Recommended by: Lena Shumway, Director of Administrative Services and City Clerk

Approved As To Form: Norma Copado, Assistant City Attorney