



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to Participate in the Opt-In Program for the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count; And Authorization to Execute the Memorandum of Understanding

**MEETING DATE:** JANUARY 16, 2018

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

City Staff recommends that the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, to participate in the three-year Opt-In Program for Homeless Counts 2018 through 2020; and authorize execution of the Memorandum of Understanding.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) primary goal is to help homeless persons find permanent housing. In order to accomplish this goal, they need to know the size and scope of homelessness throughout Los Angeles County. It is also important to know who the homeless are and where they reside.

The three-year Opt-In Program will allow the City of Commerce to sign one agreement to become an Opt-In Partner for Homeless Counts 2018 through 2020. The 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will take place on January 23, 24 and 25, 2018. LAHSA is the lead agency for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC). The Homeless Count is an annual activity which is extremely valuable to the mission of ending homelessness. This program supplies government agencies, such as service and housing providers with a reliable estimate of the homeless population in the City and County of Los Angeles. The data gathered from the homeless count will allow the LAHSA to assess how and where homeless persons can best be served.

Participation in the Homeless Count will give the City of Commerce an opportunity to obtain locally-specific data at a high level of confidence. Participation also allows the City to use the 2018 Homeless Count methodology to obtain a point-in-time number of the unsheltered homeless population within our area. The information can substantially aid efforts to evaluate existing homeless services and plan for future measures to address local homelessness in the Commerce community.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the duties and responsibilities of LAHSA and the City of Commerce committing to participate in the 2018-2020 Opt-In Program. The Memorandum of Understanding for the participation in the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count was reviewed and approved as to form by City Attorney Noel Tapia.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding; and/or
2. Provide staff with further direction

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This activity has no impact on the current operating budget.

Recommended by: Laura Tilley, Public Safety Manager

Approved As To Form: Noel Tapia, City Attorney

Respectfully Submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Memorandum of Understanding (containing Exhibits A, B, C, D)
2. Resolution