



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Honorable City Council **Item No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**FROM:** City Administrator

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

**MEETING DATE:** February 19, 2019

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

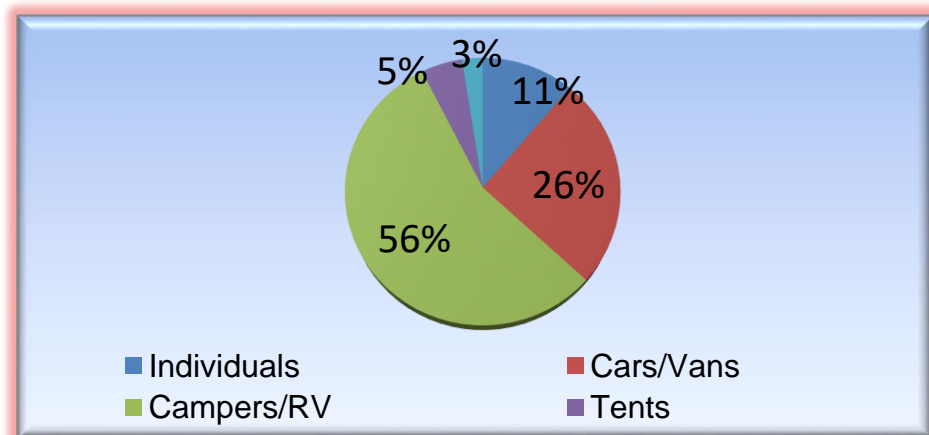
### **ANALYSIS:**

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 p.m. to 12 a.m. to conduct the 2019 Homeless Count.

The tally for the street count in Commerce totaled 160, the breakdown is as follows:

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



The hotspots are the following streets:

Bristow Neighborhood - Telegraph Road between Morrow Place and Marianna Avenue,  
Noakes Street between Herbert and Bonnie Beach Place

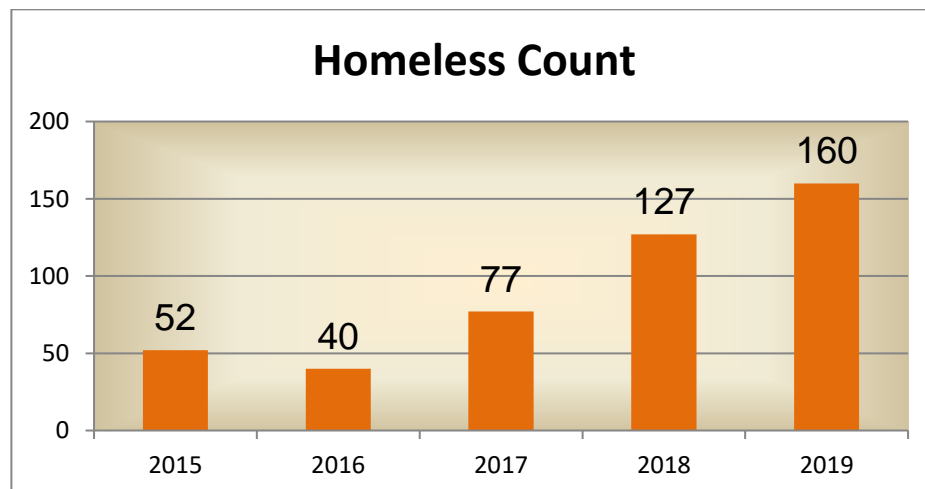
Commerce Center: Goodrich Boulevard between Atlantic and Whittier Boulevard

Rosewood Area (Industrial Area E of Citadel Outlets and Commerce Casino): Tubeway  
Avenue, Yates Avenue, Saybrook Avenue, Davie Avenue, Corvette Street, and Sheila Street

Veterans Area: Triangle Drive, Randolph Street from Garfield to Eastern Avenue, S Malt  
Avenue from Randolph to Bandini Boulevard, and E 61<sup>st</sup> Street

The total number of the homeless count over the last five (5) years is as follows:

	Homeless Count
2019	160
2018	127
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. The City's Homeless Task Force provide necessary social services to displaced individuals, and/or facilitates the securing of said social services. In this regard, 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. The City's Homeless Task Force is also called upon regularly to conduct enforcement to address health, public safety, and unsanitary conditions and concerns resulting from homeless encampments, habitating in public, etc.

**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