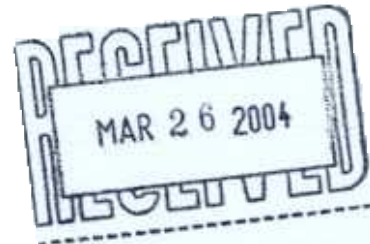




"Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area"

March 25, 2004

Mitchell Netburn
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Los Angeles, CA 90013



Subject Bring Los Angeles Home Survey

Dear Mr. Netburn

I am in receipt of the Bring Los Angeles Home Survey regarding homeless residents in Agoura Hills. I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the following seven survey questions regarding this issue.

1. **How many and what percent of your department's/city's annual client load are homeless individuals and families?**

Few transients pass through the City, although there are no known "traditional" homeless individuals in the City.

2. **What procedure does your department/city use to identify homeless people?**

The City General Plan Housing Element defines "homeless" as follows: "Unsheltered homeless are families whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (e.g., the street, sidewalks, cars, vacant and abandoned buildings). Sheltered homeless are families and persons whose primary nighttime residence is a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter (e.g. emergency, transitional, battered women, and homeless youth shelters; and commercial hotels or motels used to house the homeless)."

- 3. How much do you estimate that your department/city spends each year on services related to homeless people?**

The sole service the City provides specifically for homeless individuals is providing referrals to social service agencies. Less than 1% of staff time is required for this service.

- 4. What specific policies and practices produce the outcomes that your department/city currently achieves in preventing and eliminating homelessness?**

Referrals to appropriate social service agencies have proven successful in preventing and eliminating homelessness. The City also provides appropriate land use zoning to allow for homeless shelters and/or transitional housing.

- 5. What specific changes in resources, policies or practices on the part of your department/city would make it possible to reduce the number of homeless people in the community you serve?**

An increase in financial resources would allow the City to take proactive measures in identifying homeless individuals and their needs. However, because there are no known homeless individuals within the City, the demand for such services is not warranted at this time.

- 6. What specific changes in resources, policies or practices on the part of other jurisdictions would reduce the number of homeless people in the community you serve?**

Providing updated and appropriate referrals to social service agencies would likely reduce number of homeless individuals in the community.

- 7. What additional outcomes in preventing and eliminating homelessness could be achieved if specific policies and practices that you suggest in response to questions 5 and 6 were implemented?**

Referrals to social service agencies allows homeless individuals an opportunity to seek the personal and professional assistance that may need.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your survey. If you have additional questions regarding this matter, please contact Mike Kamino, Director of Planning and Community Development, at (818) 597-7321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Ramirez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Greg Ramirez
City Manager