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Mitchell Netburn, Executive Director  
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority  
548 South Spring Street, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Mr. Netburn:

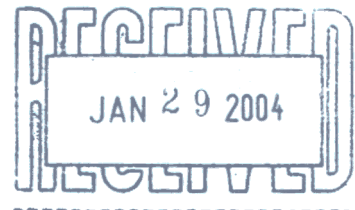
The City of Baldwin Park Housing Department was pleased to assist you with your endeavor to end homelessness. Attached please find the answers to the questions that we were able to provide.

I hope these answers are sufficient. If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 869-7500 ext 564.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzie Ruelas".

Suzie Ruelas  
Housing Programs Coordinator



**Subject: Homeless residents in Baldwin Park**

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

**Answer:** Currently, there are 3,093 (92%) applicants that are under the 30% of the very, very low median income. This count is based on the number of applicants in the waiting list who applied from January 6, 2003 to July 29, 2003. Unfortunately, the Baldwin Park Housing Authority has just recently upgraded its computer system and has not been able to completely update it to add the number of homeless individuals or families.

There is however an estimated amount of 30% homeless individuals or families currently on the Section 8 waiting list (applicants).

- 2. What procedure does your organization use to identify homeless people?**

**Answer:** Because the Baldwin Park Housing Authority gives preferences to those families with economic hardships, a question is asked on the application whether the individual or family is homeless.

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

**Answer:** It is not feasible for the Baldwin Park Housing Authority to obtain the amount of funds used for housing a homeless person through the Section 8 Program. The City of Baldwin Park does however fund two non-profit organizations with Community Development Block Grant funds for an estimate amount of \$10,000 annually.

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

**Answer:** The Baldwin Park Housing Authority employs admissions preferences and will select the next available applicants from the waiting list that fall under these categories:

- Involuntary Displacement (Disaster, Government Action, Action of Housing Owner, Inaccessibility, Property Disposition)
- Date and time of receipt of call
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Substandard Housing

**Homelessness**

**High rent burden (Elderly households that are paying more than 50% of their income towards rent.)**

- 5. What specific changes in resources, policies or practices on the part of your organization would make it possible to reduce the number of homeless people in the City of Baldwin Park?**

- **As with all programs additional funding would be very helpful.**