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

RE: BRING LA HOME! MEMORANDUM (12/29/03)

Dear Mr. Netburn,

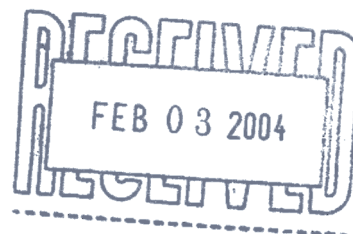
Thank you for inviting the City of Cerritos to participate in the strategic planning process for Bring LA Home! The Partnership to End Homelessness. As requested by the December 29, 2003, memo addressed to the City, we have prepared the attached response to the questions submitted.

Should you require further assistance, please contact me at (562) 916-1201.

Sincerely,


Ali Soliman
Director of Community Development

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

According to the 1990 Census, there were 7,541 homeless persons in emergency shelters in Los Angeles County. In 1997, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority conducted a homeless study throughout Los Angeles County that found 74,900 homeless persons in the County. The County was split into eight areas, with the City of Cerritos being located in Service Planning Area 7 (SPA7). Within SPA7, there are 22 cities and 5 unincorporated areas. The study found 9,737 homeless persons in this specific planning area; however, it did not specify the amount of homeless persons in each city or unincorporated area.

Both the 1990 and 2000 Census indicated there were no homeless persons found in the City of Cerritos. The Rio Hondo Temporary Home, located in the neighboring city of Norwalk, identified the number of homeless Cerritos residents served as 19 for 2003. Additionally, the Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center, which serves victims of domestic violence, indicated that a total of 433 women and children residing in Cerritos were temporarily housed in 2003. Via conversations with City personnel and the Sheriff's Department, it is their opinion that the number of homeless persons in the City is negligible, due to minimal complaints or notifications of homeless persons in the area.

As of the 2000 Census, the Cerritos population stands at 51,488. Based on the statistics supplied by the Rio Hondo Temporary Home and the Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center, the total number of Cerritos residents identified as homeless individuals and families is 452. The percentage of the City's annual client load identified as homeless is less than 1%.

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

The City relies on Census data as well as statistics provided by the Cerritos Sheriff's Department, the Rio Hondo Temporary Home, and the Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center.

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

The City of Cerritos annually contributes \$50,000 to the Rio Hondo Temporary Home and \$20,000 to the Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center for battered women and children.

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

The City of Cerritos annually contributes \$50,000 to the Rio Hondo Temporary Home and \$20,000 to the Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center for battered women and children.

In addition to the funding donated to the Rio Hondo and Su Casa shelters, the City of Cerritos allows for Community Care Facilities in all residential zones. These Care

Facilities, serving six or fewer persons, provide non-medical transitional housing for battered spouses, the homeless and troubled youth, as well as, the physically and/or mentally disabled and abused or neglected children. Currently there are 16 Community Care Facilities in the City with a total occupancy of 81 persons.

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 Cerritos?*

Not applicable, as the homeless population in Cerritos is negligible.

6. *What specific changes in resources, policies or practices on the part of other organizations would reduce the number of homeless people in the City of Cerritos?*

Not applicable, as the homeless population in Cerritos is negligible.

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?*

Not applicable.