



CITY OF COVINA

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
Kim J. Raney
Chief of Police

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**Mitchell Netburn, Executive Director
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
548 S. Spring Street, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Dear Mr. Netburn:

Below you will find answers to your survey regarding homeless persons in Covina.

We will have roughly 100 professional contacts with homeless persons in a calendar year. This would equate to significantly less than 1% of our total contacts.

- 2. We contact/identify homeless persons through the same means as we contact/identify any other persons, proactive patrol work and radio calls.**
- 3. Our costs relative to homeless persons are in man-hours. Estimated annual costs are approximately \$500.00 to \$700.00.**
- 4. In addition to enforcing criminal laws, we offer referral information and when practical, a ride to a sanctioned shelter.**
- 5. Additional resources such as more and more accessible shelters would facilitate the efforts to give shelter to the homeless.**
- 6. Same as above.**
- 7. Items 5 & 6 are bandages for a growing problem. Perhaps the best way to prevent and eliminate homelessness is to provide shelter, food, counseling and perhaps vocational training (in a formal environment) in exchange for work.**

Sincerely,

**Kim J. Raney
Chief of Police**

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Police Lieutenant**

