

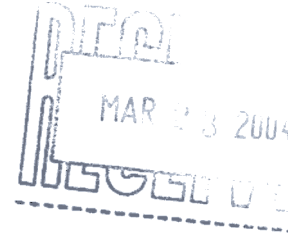
CITY OF HAWTHORNE



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March 22, 2004

RE: Bring LA Home Questionnaire

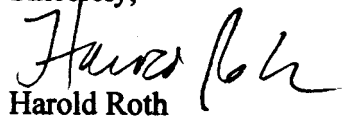
Dear Mr. Netburn:

This letter is in response to your questionnaire of March 10, 2004 concerning homeless services in the City of Hawthorne.

- The City has contracted with two homeless service providers to serve 157 homeless and at-risk of homelessness individuals and families. It is difficult to describe the proportion of homeless served. For example, the City serves nearly 1,500 Section 8 participants with rental assistance but other services and beneficiaries are on a neighborhood basis.
2. The City relies on the two service providers to identify homeless people.
 3. Funding for these services are from the Community Development Block Grant and the Section 8 Administrative Reserve, accounting for 0.3% of the Housing and Community Development Departmental budget for the current fiscal year.
 4. The City has maximized its Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers by maintaining nearly a 100% lease-up. In order to enhance the chances for Housing Voucher holders to successfully lease, the City institutes three Programs. The Security Deposit Loan Program provides zero interest loans for security deposits for Section 8 participants. Under the Landlord Incentive Program, landlords receive grants for rehabilitating vacant apartment units with the requirement that the rent is no higher than the Payment Standard and the unit will be rented to a Section 8 participant for a minimum of two years. The City entered into a contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Mental Health to provide supportive services to Section 8 participants.
 5. Additional Housing Choice Vouchers would reduce homelessness by make rental housing affordable. Support services are needed to homeless people suffering from mental and physical disabilities.
 6. See above
 7. Affordability would be a reduced problem for people provided Section 8 Rental Assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (310) 970 7086.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harold Roth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "H" and "R".

Harold Roth
Director of Housing and Community Development