



CITY OF LONG BEACH

HOUSING SERVICES BUREAU

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January 28, 2004

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Subject: Homeless Residents in Long Beach

Dear Mr. Netburn:

This is in response to your questionnaire regarding the homeless residents in Long Beach. Please note that my responses are strictly from the standpoint of my purview as Housing Services Bureau Manager of the Department of Community Development in the City of Long Beach. The Housing Services Bureau administers the federal HOME funds and Redevelopment housing set-aside funds on behalf of the City of Long Beach.

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

None

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

We are not directly involved in identifying or providing direct services to the homeless.

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

None

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

We assist in the provision of housing affordable to very low-, low- and moderate-income households. We also have close coordination with the City's Health Department to link permanent housing resources with homeless services providers and housing developers.



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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 Long Beach?

If we had more resources, we could provide more affordable housing units with deeper subsidies to address the lowest income population.

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 Long Beach?

Allow the designation or creation of single-room occupancy units, which may be more affordable.

Help create more jobs that homeless residents could apply for, thereby, potentially increasing their incomes and enable them to afford pay rent.

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?

Improvement in the quality of life of homeless residents.

If you have any questions, please call me at (562) 570-6367 or Ellie Tolentino at (562) 570-6926.

Sincerely,



Beth Stochl, Manager
Housing Services Bureau