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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:

Enclosed is a copy of the answers our Department sent to you on February 10, 2004, regarding "Bring Los Angeles Home." If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Kalunian", written over a horizontal line.

**ROBERT E. KALUNIAN**  
Chief Deputy Public Defender

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Enclosure

**BRING LA HOME! THE PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES**

**DATA COLLECTION FORM**

**Department:**

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

**Number:**

**Approximately 6,000 cases**

**Percent:**

**Approximately 1%**

**Comments:**

We do not maintain such data, consequently, the above is an estimate

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

Interview of clients

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

Approximately \$1.25 million

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

We develop and advocate alternate sentencing approaches in a limited number of the cases we handle. We also actively participate in Mental Health Courts, Drug Courts, Proposition 36 Drug Courts and the pilot Homeless/Community courts.

5. What specific changes in policies, practices, or resources on the part of your organization would make it possible to reduce the number of homeless people in the County of Los Angeles?

Increase referrals of clients to available resources. Increased funding for additional social worker staff would be required.

6. What specific changes in policies, practices, or resources on the part of other organizations would reduce the number of homeless people in the County of Los Angeles?

Assistance to clients in the transition from custody to release which includes referrals for housing and employment.

7. What additional outcomes in preventing and eliminating homelessness could be achieved if specific policies and practices you suggest in response to questions 5 and 6 were implemented?

A decrease in repeat criminal offenses and violations of probationary grants