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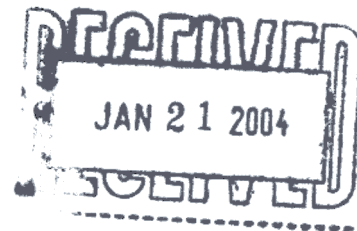
Mr. Netburn:

Please find enclosed with this letter the responses to the seven questions requested in your letter dated December 29, 2003. If I can be of further assistance, please call me at the number below. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Kim", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Eric Kim, Lieutenant
Monterey Park Police Department
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MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

“HOMELESS RESIDENTS IN MONTEREY PARK”

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

The Monterey Park Police Department does not keep specific statistics on the number of homeless individuals or families we come in contact with. A general estimation would be approximately 20 individuals per year.

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

The Monterey Park Police Department does not have a set criteria for classifying an individual or family as being “homeless.” Each individual situation is determined on a case by case basis with input from the individual in question along with statements from other individuals with knowledge about that person or family.

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

Based on an estimation of 20 clients per year requiring 2 officers to handle the situation, the salary estimation for the officers would be \$2,531.20. Along with the costs of criminal investigations, support services and training, the total estimate would be in the neighborhood of \$6,000.00 per year.

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

In 2003, several officers were sent to the Santa Monica Police Department to attend a training class on dealing with homelessness issues, as it relates to the police department. This training class provided officers with resources that are available to assist the homeless and police departments. The training was continued further with the assistance from the Pasadena Police Department. The officers that received the training trained with Pasadena’s Officers to actually see the process first hand.

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 Monterey Park?

An organization that has trained personnel, able to respond to the location to assist the police department in providing the necessary assistance for the homeless individual or family.

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 Monterey Park?

Increased funding, by the State, on mental health issues would assist greatly. The majority of the homeless individuals we come in contact with are suffering some type of mental health issues.

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.

The marriage of highly trained personnel and the funding necessary to deal with homelessness and the mental health issues that many face would provide the proper nexus to proper treatment and thus would allow for addressing the core issue instead of merely treating the symptoms.