



CITY OF SAN DIMAS MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 19, 2004

TO: Mitchell Netburn, Executive Director
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

FROM: Craig Hensley, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Response to Homelessness in San Dimas Questionnaire

The following are the answers to the questions brought in your December 29, 2003 memo.

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

We do know that the number is very low, probably less than 1%; however, we do not maintain local statistics.

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

Identification of homeless people would be based on data gathered on a case by case basis. Also, from census data and data generated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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

Currently, the City's Budget does not include funding for homeless services.

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

The City's has set policies in its Housing Element to encourage the development of affordable housing. The City's Redevelopment Agency has participated and continues to participate in the development of

affordable housing units in the city. The City requires that all housing developments within the redevelopment area provide a fair share of affordable housing on-site. And the City is active in utilizing CDBG funds for housing rehabilitation projects.

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 San Dimas?

The City of San Dimas would consider participation in regional programs to address a comprehensive approach to this regional issue.

6. What specific changes in resources, policies on the part of other organizations would reduce the number of homeless people in the City of San Dimas?

Additional discussion at a regional level would be welcomed.

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

Addressing this issue is a valuable goal and much more input and discussion is needed to arrive at a regional solution.

Please feel free to contact me or the City Manager, Blaine Michaelis with any additional questions or comments.