

City of San Marino

Office of the City Manager



March 16, 2004

Mitchell Netburn
Executive Director
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
548 South Spring Street, Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90013

RE: HOMELESS SURVEY

Dear Mitchell Netburn:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 10, 2004 as it relates to a homeless survey being conducted by your organization. As you may be aware, the City faces challenges in utilizing Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds due to the unique characteristics of San Marino, particularly the low numbers of individuals who would meet the Low/Moderate income criteria to be eligible for HUD grant funding. As a result, the City is fortunate in that the demand for homeless services that your organization graciously provides is non-existent.

Our efforts have been focused on the handful of individuals or households that have qualified for Community Development Block Grant funding through our Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program provides financial assistance to low income individuals to make health related repairs to their home. The demographics of these individuals are typically people who purchased their homes many years ago and tend to be elderly widows who's sole income is social security. This program has successfully prevented a few constituents from having to sale their homes and relocate their household due to economic constraints.

I respectfully submit this letter as a response to your survey identifying none of our resources are directly allocated to homeless or HUD programming other than the program mentioned above. Should you have any questions, please call me at 626-300-0718.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Matthew Ballantyne in blue ink.

Matthew Ballantyne
Assistant to the City Manager

Cc Tim Harrigan, Police Lieutenant

