



April 24, 2019

Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Richard Williams, Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY –
COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2019-20**

In accordance with the Budget and Finance Committee Chair's request on February 13, 2019, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is respectfully submitting for your consideration the agency's comments relative to the Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, in collaboration with various City of Los Angeles ("City") Departments, is tasked with implementing data-driven solutions focused on identifying the most appropriate and timely housing options for our homeless residents. LAHSA recognizes the difficult budgetary decisions the Mayor and Council are tasked with, and greatly respects that long-term commitment the City has taken to addressing homelessness.

FY19-20 Budget Requests

The Mayor's proposed budget addresses critical needs and supports the mission LAHSA is tasked with. There are, however, three crucial requests that we would respectfully ask the Budget and Finance Committee to consider making as part of their FY 2019-2020 Budget.

Coordinated Entry System - Crisis Housing for Families

Request: Appropriate \$2,908,800

Impact: LAHSA has seen an increase in homeless families accessing services over the last two years. Increased demand for services by homeless families persists, and we request this funding increase to provide an additional 72 crisis housing units per night. We anticipate providing services to a minimum of 185 families.

Safe Parking

Request: Appropriate \$1,100,000

Impact: LAHSA requests funds to support this City Council directed activity to operate a program site in each council district over the next two years. This request would fund approximately 3 to 5 additional safe parking sites to the number currently operating in the City.

Interim Housing Capital Improvements

Request: Appropriate \$2,000,000

Impact: LAHSA requests funds to ensure City-funded facilities meet newly developed interim housing standards. Funding would help address upkeep and maintenance of the aging interim housing portfolio in the City, including upgrades to accessibility and other depreciating capital needs.

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I request that the Budget and Finance Committee consider the additional funding for the all items outlined above.

Thank you for the opportunity to address additional areas of need in the 2019-20 budget. I greatly appreciate the proposed increases in funding in several areas for LAHSA programs and operations in the coming year. My staff and I look forward to the continued support of the Mayor and Council as we work with the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Officer to address homelessness across the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Lynn", with a small "for" written below it.

Peter Lynn
Executive Director
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Cc: Matt Szabo, Office of the Mayor
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Richard Llewelyn, City Administrative Officer
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