



To: Long Beach City Council

Mayor: Robert Garcia

Assigns; Legal, Administrative

Subject: **A Raise For Homeless Persons**

Re: **Two Years Left of the 10 YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS**

November 10, 2015

Facts: [known]

- The number of Homeless Persons in the city of Long Beach, which is part of the Los Angeles county area, has increased by a great percentage since November 2012.
- The Multi-Services Center is so limited in the REAL AND VIABLE services, that is able to provide to the this city's homeless community , that is border-lining redundancy, and a waste of the human resource budget. It too needs an upgrade, with attention paid to its daily function. Villages of Cabrillo, is limited in the number of homeless persons it can receive, assist and/or house on a long term bases.
- Many the homeless persons are unable to reach the winter shelter facilities, and other short-term help, due to extensive on foot travel, are in fact citizens of the city who at one time, lived in houses and paid taxes in and to the City of Long Beach.

Questions: [please consider]

1. What accountability structure is in place to guarantee that the city's Homeless Services Department is in fact working to end homelessness, every hour, every day of that departments paid wage or salary?
2. With the increase of unused land/property and lots left available by the Redevelopment Agency, is any of this being considered as usable by your Non Profits for the creation of housing for the homeless; if not, WHY NOT?
3. Why are Community Centers not being used to service the homeless, many of whom visit them daily? Note: In an emergency such as flood or fire, such facilities would be used. *[Note: Many citizens who are now homeless, paid the taxes that built those centers, but in their hour of emergency, their community centers, cannot help them.]
4. Does the city have employees , who are working for the homeless, who in fact have no heart for the job, therefore are not giving their assignment it's due process, but are being paid, "AS IF", a real job is being done every day, during their eight hour work day to END HOMELESSNESS?
5. Has the city quietly given up on its 10 year plan to END HOMELESSNESS, but are failing to notify the homeless and other citizens who are yet waiting for this war to against humanity to be end?
6. Is the creation of increased and more creative ways to assist the homeless community an immediate part of the city's Projected DOWNTOWN Civic Revitalization Plan? If not, WHY NOT?
7. What is each of the district 9 Council Member doing for the homeless persons represented in "their" district. Are they on your charter for consideration? Are you aware of the number of homeless persons in your district?
8. Are you realistically mindful, that many of your elementary, middle and high school students; citizens are homeless, now, and will be in their unforeseen future; if so, how can an increased service projection to the homeless community NOT be a visible and known part of the Civic Revitalization Plan? Is homeless assistance, as part of the city's budget considered a waste?

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