

March 16, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple St., Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: *Support for Reforming and Integrating Mental Healthcare within the County's Homeless Service System*

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City of Redondo Beach, we write in support of the motion - Reforming and Integrating Mental Healthcare within the County's Homeless Service System. Strengthening coordination between the County's mental health system and the broader homelessness response system is essential to improving outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness and serious mental illness.

Cities across Los Angeles County are actively addressing homelessness through outreach, housing navigation, and supportive services. However, gaps in care occur when behavioral health services operate separately from housing, outreach, and substance use treatment programs. Breaking down these silos is necessary to deliver effective and lasting support for individuals in crisis.

Local jurisdictions are often on the front lines of this work. Cities coordinate outreach teams, participate in case conferencing, and partner with service providers to connect individuals to care. While cities are taking steps to address mental health needs in the field, the more acute behavioral health services required for many individuals must be provided by the County, which is best equipped to deliver that level of care. Stronger coordination between the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health Services, and the

County's homelessness response system will help ensure individuals receive comprehensive care that addresses both behavioral health and housing needs.

Clear and consistent communication with local jurisdictions is also critical. Cities work closely with outreach providers and community partners, and improved coordination with County departments will strengthen information sharing and help connect individuals to appropriate services more quickly.

The motion's emphasis on field-based engagement, multidisciplinary teams, and cross departmental collaboration reflects the level of coordination needed to strengthen the system of care. Aligning mental health services, housing programs, outreach teams, and local jurisdictions will improve the County's ability to respond effectively and compassionately to residents experiencing homelessness.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Board to adopt this motion.

Sincerely,


Jim Light