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Since it was created in 1993 as a collaboration of the City and County of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has been the primary coordinator of programs and services to alleviate the suffering of homeless individuals throughout Los Angeles County. Though it is largely viewed as a leader in program design compared to jurisdictions throughout the country, the size, scope and complexity of the homeless population, particularly in the City, makes those programs insufficient to the task of reducing our homeless population.

Though the City and the County have adopted a comprehensive strategy to address the growing homeless population, the programs and services that have been developed to implement those strategies often lack fundamental transparency; it is sometimes unclear who is being served by those programs and whether they are well-served by the structure and design of LAHSA initiatives. No strategy can be successful without meaningful short- and middle-term goals in service of longer term objectives.

THEREFORE

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council REQUEST that LAHSA produce, within 60 days, a detailed accounting of all its funding sources, expenses by category, program, and provider, and any performance data that it has collected on its programs over the past 4 years in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses of programs and partners, and better prioritize the programs that perform best at achieving long term sustainable solutions to homelessness.

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