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RESOLUTION #87  
OCT 06 1998

WHEREAS, the number of homeless, throughout the United States, is increasing at an alarming rate; and recent statistics show that there are nearly 230,000 homeless in Los Angeles City and County alone, although numerous other urban areas in the United States are at least equally affected; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is in the forefront of cities worldwide in formulating and activating new, working solutions to the problems confronting urban citizenry in our era; and

WHEREAS, neither Los Angeles nor any other major United States city possesses the financial resources to solve the problem of homelessness in the country, nor to eradicate its numerous and complex causes; and

WHEREAS, a national plan to end homelessness is urgently needed, and must be a well-organized, concerted program at federal governmental level: municipal and state efforts, alone, would lead to mere temporary progress and to regional imbalances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Los Angeles is also mindful that, lacking the necessary resources, Los Angeles and other cities nationwide have had no alternative but to address behavioral aspects of urban homelessness by means of police enforcement of a wide variety of municipal ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly apparent that certain of those ordinances not only contribute to greater human misery among the homeless, but may also create crimes of status, of questionable constitutionality, both California and Federal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Los Angeles endorses and supports a comprehensive national plan to end homelessness, and that it urges the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and other relevant federal agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive national plan to end homelessness.

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OCT 13 1998

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FORTHWITH

PRESENTED BY

*Rita Walters*  
RITA WALTERS  
Councilwoman 9<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY

*Ronald J. ...*

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34 7. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Burke: Urg Administration and Congress to create and fund a comprehensive plan to end homelessness; and request the Los Angeles Homeless Services review homeless activist Ted Hayes' proposal that was submitted to government, which calls for the creation of a National plan to end homelessness including a report and recommendations on the criminalization of homelessness to provide the Board with recommendations.

**CONTINUED TWO WEEKS (1-5-99)**

Absent: None

Unanimously carried



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January 6, 1999

The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

At its meeting held January 5, 1999, on motion of Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors urged your Administration and Congress to create and fund a comprehensive National plan to end homelessness with a priority on programs for the homeless mentally ill.

For your information, enclosed is a copy of the Minute Order detailing this action.

Very truly yours,

*Joanne Sturge*

**JOANNE STURGES  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Enclosure

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December 7, 1998

To: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair  
Supervisor Don Knabe, Chair Pro Tem  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: David E. Janssen *[Signature]*  
Chief Administrative Officer

**NATIONAL PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS (ITEM NO. 10, AGENDA OF  
DECEMBER 8, 1998)**

Agenda Item No. 10 is a motion by Supervisor Burke that the Board 1) support Federal efforts to create and fund a comprehensive national plan to end homelessness, and 2) request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to review Ted Hayes' proposal (attached) which was submitted to the Federal government.

Federal policy addressing homelessness is principally coordinated by the Interagency Council on the Homeless which was established under the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act in 1987. In 1993, the Council was instructed by Executive Order to develop a "plan for breaking the cycle of existing homelessness and preventing future homelessness."

In response, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established a Continuum of Care model which focuses on outreach and assessment, emergency shelter, transitional housing linked with supportive services, and permanent housing. Nevertheless, during the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, many national organizations for the homeless, which argue that homelessness has actually increased, have urged a renewed Federal effort, including creation of a White House Commission to address policies which reproduce homelessness

Federal funding for homeless programs increased by over \$100 million in FFY 1999 to \$1.286 billion over the prior year, however, the funding level remains below the \$1.446 billion level committed in FFY 1995



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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Joanne Sturges, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held January 5, 1999, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"Los Angeles County has one of the highest standards of living in the world, yet homelessness continues to exist in our community. According to some estimates, nearly 200,000 persons are homeless in the County.

"While the County has developed a wide array of programs to help the homeless, the resources and authority to solve the problem of homelessness do not solely rest with local government.

"The causes of homelessness are numerous and complex, and lacking resources, many local governments have resorted to addressing the behavioral aspects of homelessness through law enforcement, municipal codes and ordinances. This has resulted in public policy which focuses on a homeless person's status, instead of the obstacles which need to be addressed to overcome homelessness.

"Recently, homeless activist Ted Hayes submitted a proposal to the Federal government which calls for the creation of a National plan to end homelessness including a report and recommendations on the criminalization of homelessness. Clearly, a National plan to end homelessness is urgently needed."

Therefore Supervisor Burke made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

- a. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a letter urging the President and Congress to create and fund a comprehensive National plan to end homelessness; and

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- b. Request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to review homeless activist Ted Hayes' proposal that was submitted to the Federal government, which calls for the creation of a National plan to end homelessness, including a report and recommendations on the criminalization of homelessness, and to provide the Board with recommendations.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Current estimates reveal that approximately one third of the homeless population is mentally ill. This population is the most vulnerable and in need of treatment and housing. The Federal policy to create a comprehensive National plan to end homelessness must include programs that offer a continuum of care for the homeless mentally ill.

"The homeless mentally ill are being further incapacitated by outdated laws that make it nearly impossible to receive state of the art medical treatment which, in many cases, has achieved documented successes. In order to break the cycle of homelessness for the mentally ill, there must be access to treatment and affordable housing."

Supervisor Antonovich made a suggestion that letter "a" of Supervisor Burke's motion be amended to read, "... create and fund a comprehensive National plan to end homelessness with a priority on programs for the homeless mentally ill." Supervisor Burke accepted Supervisor Antonovich's amendment.

Supervisor Burke's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, was unanimously carried.

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Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Director of Mental Health

Letters sent to:

The President  
Each Member, Los Angeles County  
Congressional Delegation  
Executive Director,  
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

**Each Supervisor  
December 7, 1998  
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**The Updated Federal Agenda adopted by the Board on January 20, 1998 does not address this issue specifically, but does reflect support for proposals which provide for community development, economic development, and housing for low-income families and individuals.**

**Please let me know if you need any additional information, or your staff may contact Jonathan Freedman at (213) 974-1348.**

**DEJ:GK  
JF:nl**

**Attachment**

**c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Director of Community and Senior Services  
Director of Public Social Services  
Legislative Strategist**

SYN. NO. 69

AGN. NO. 5

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JANUARY 5, 1999

AMENDMENT TO ITEM #5

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board adopt Supervisor Burke's motion to support the Federal efforts to create and fund a comprehensive national plan to end homelessness with a priority on programs for the homeless mentally ill.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 9378 (CCS)

(City Council Series)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA CALLING FOR  
A NATIONAL PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE United States is increasing at an alarming rate; and there are an estimated 230,000 unsheltered people in Los Angeles County, including up to 5,000 over the course of a year on the Westside of Los Angeles, including Santa Monica; and

WHEREAS, Santa Monica is in the forefront of communities in formulating and implementing innovative, viable solutions to the pressing social problems of our time; and

WHEREAS, over the last decade Santa Monica has developed a comprehensive and coordinated continuum of care services and balanced response to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, neither Santa Monica nor any other locality possesses the financial resources to solve the problem of homelessness in the country, especially the lack of affordable housing as well as adequate housing and support services for the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, a national plan to end homelessness is urgently needed, and must be a well-organized, concerted program at the Federal level, as municipal and state efforts alone could lead to temporary solutions and to regional imbalances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Monica City Council endorses and supports a comprehensive national plan to end homelessness; and that it urges the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and other relevant Federal agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive national plan to end homelessness.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney

Adopted and approved this 23rd of March, 1999.

  
Pam O'Connor, Mayor

I, Maria M. Stewart, City Clerk of the City of Santa Monica, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 9378 (CCS) was duly adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica City Council held on the 23rd of March, 1999 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Feinstein, Genser, Holbrook, McKeown, O'Connor, Rosenstein

Noes: Councilmembers: None

Abstain: Councilmembers: None

Absent: Councilmembers: None

ATTEST:

  
Maria M. Stewart, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



## **NATIONAL HOMELESS PLAN CAMPAIGN**

### **Law Enforcement Working Group**

#### **JOINT STATEMENT AND ACTION PLAN**

#### **I. The Parties:**

##### **Elected Law Enforcement Officials:**

Los Angeles City Attorney, James Hahn;

Los Angeles County Sheriff, Leroy Baca;

Los Angeles County District Attorney, Gil Garcetti;

California Attorney General, Bill Lockyer;

##### **Non-Elected Law Enforcement Officials:**

Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association,

The Representation of Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association (LACPCA) represents all of its' members, including Chief Bernard Parks of LAPD.

**See Attachments - LACPCA Support Letters.**

Police Officers of Los Angeles County. **See Attachment.**

##### **Civilian Representative**

The NHP Campaign, Chairman, Homeless Activist Ted Hayes;

Other elected and non-elected officials, including but not limited to Members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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#### **II. Preamble:**

Homelessness has been steadily increasing for several years. It constitutes, especially for the mentally ill, an archaic form of human misery that can no longer be tolerated in this, the world's greatest and most responsive democracy.

Further, Homelessness creates a sizeable drain on social and economic resources. It is a frustration to legitimate commerce and an obstacle to community development. Prevention of future Homelessness will pay great dividends to American society that will more than justify the effort and costs of instituting a National Plan for the Homeless: A Domestic Marshall Plan.

Health and social services, as well as welfare institutions, are now faced with the urgent necessity of creating new avenues of cooperation, coordination and mutual support. There is a nationwide need for new concentrations of community outreach and active, aggressive provision of services, both as to the treatment and the prevention of Homelessness and of mental illness among the Homeless.

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Further, the absence of a unified, comprehensive national strategy has cast police and prosecutors in the reluctant capacity of surrogate social workers and mental health experts, a role far removed from the original mission of community law enforcement;

Because of the heavy concentration of Homeless people in urban centers, police officers are regularly placed in the frustrating position of direct and constant confrontation with Homeless persons on the streets.

Neither the law, the community, nor the Homeless, are served by perpetuating this dilemma.

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### **III. Who Are the Homeless?**

A number of recent studies, all reliable, broadly-based and conducted independently of one another, reveal that American Homeless persons number over two and one-half million at any given time, and fall into one or more of the following chief general categories:

- A. Women and their children (40%);
- B. The mentally ill (33%);
- C. Military veterans (30%);
- D. Drug and/or alcohol addicts (50-60%);
- E. Parolees or probationers;
- F. HIV/Aids victims;
- G. Functionally illiterate persons or others with incomplete education;
- H. Newly-evicted working poor;
- I. Welfare recipients for whom aid has been reduced or curtailed.

The causes of Homelessness are complex. Therefore, the cure cannot be simplistic. It cannot address any single issue or causative factor exclusively. Hence, it is absolutely necessary that any meaningful comprehensive plan for its eradication, or significant reduction, be instituted at the Federal level. Successful local model projects will not achieve permanence and uniform consistency unless they are integrated into a national strategy.

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### **IV. Action Requests**

- A. The joint signatories call upon the President of the United States to convene a National Commission on Homelessness, nonpartisan and broadly representative in composition, with the specific mission of developing a comprehensive strategic plan for addressing Homelessness, its causes and its prevention nationwide.
- B. The joint signatories call for a nationwide, federally-sponsored review of social service systems for the Homeless, inviting all local, state and federal governmental departments or non-governmental agencies supported in part or in whole by federal funding, to self-examine and to clarify their missions, cooperative compatibility potential, and effectiveness. The aim of

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their active participation is not to allocate blame for the existing crisis, but rather to enable an accurate and thorough diagnosis. We cannot solve the problem without first measuring its size, scope and nature. The expertise and active participation of social service systems is essential to this process.

C. The joint signatories call for the creation of community-based outreach teams in partnership with police to assist law enforcement in responding to problems among the Homeless and preventing violence; or, acting independently, to render police interventions and confrontations unnecessary wherever possible by:

- - - mediating or alleviating Homeless-related problems;
- - - identifying and defusing potentially violent situations;
- - - locating and interfacing with Homeless to help determine their needs, problems, and health status;
- - - alerting the appropriate partners, e.g., mental health medical units, police, shelters, etc., of individual problems, potential mental or physical health and medical crises, or need for law enforcement;

The outreach teams should include components from experienced Homeless advocate agencies; persons selected from among the numbers of the Homeless; police representatives and training personnel; mental health services; drug and alcohol rehabilitation professionals; community and neighborhood representatives and volunteers, and others.

D. The joint signatories call for the foregoing bodies to establish a complete and thorough Communications Linkup network between and among themselves and to local police, mental health providers, social services, Homeless advocates, business and government, with clear communications guidelines and directives. One of its chief tasks will be to ensure quick and constant communication links for coordination and synchronization of joint actions; initially as a local pilot or model, then applied nationwide;

E. The joint signatories call for the creation of new facilities or restructuring of appropriate existing facilities to encourage the Homeless to exchange street living for more attractive, dignified and medically sound alternatives; bearing in mind at all times the need for protection of the rights and dignity of the Homeless and of other neighborhood residents generally. These alternative living facilities or communities will be inspired or patterned after pilot projects such as Dome Village, Los Angeles, or other examples; first as local models, then as an integral part of the recommended national strategy.

## **V. Scope of Project**

Although the City and County of Los Angeles, and to a lesser extent the State of California, can and will serve as a working model of the foregoing innovations, the scope of the National Plan must be nationwide. It must be ordained and inspired by Presidential action to ensure uniformity, continuity and permanence of the overall strategy.

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To that end, and to encourage specific Presidential action, the joint signatories may:

A. Appoint staff members from their respective offices to serve as standing representatives to the project, working together with Ted Hayes' organization as initiator and headquarters of the National Homeless Plan Campaign, and with other interested organizations;

B. Hold jointly-sponsored *Public Awareness Hearings* within their respective jurisdictions to create a public dialogue on the call for national action strategy on Homelessness;

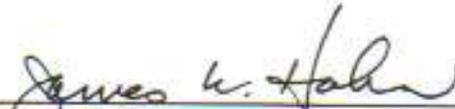
C. Co-sponsor a press conference to announce and present this **Joint Statement** and to discuss the public policy issues behind it;

D. Call for the appointment of a joint Los Angeles City-County *Ad Hoc Committee*, with the specific cooperation of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), to hear the views of all interested parties, review existing services and make recommendations for a combined strategy to reduce and prevent Homelessness locally and regionally, and which recommendations will be integrated into the joint call for the appointment of a National Commission for the Elimination of Homelessness and the adoption of a national strategy for the same purpose;

E. Enlist the support and participation of state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies nationwide;

F. Arrange a joint visit to the President of the USA to make a formal request for Federal action.

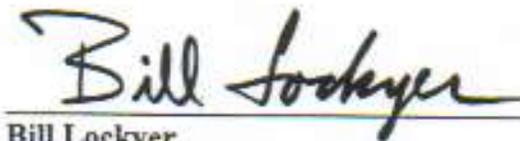
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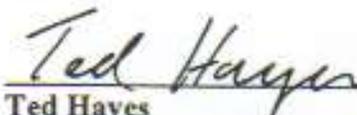
  
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**James K. Hahn**  
City Attorney  
City of Los Angeles

  
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Sheriff, County of Los Angeles

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**Bernard Parks**  
Chief, Los Angeles Police Department

  
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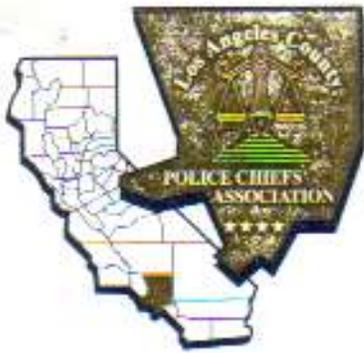
  
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**Ted Hayes**  
Chairman, National Homeless Plan Campaign

**NATIONAL HOMELESS PLAN CAMPAIGN**  
**Law Enforcement Working Group**

JOINT STATEMENT AND ACTION PLAN

Note: Document Change of LAPD Chief, Bernard C. Parks as a Signer

- Original copies of JSAP show LAPD Chief Bernard Parks as a signer. However, Chief Parks as all L.A. County Chiefs of Police are non-elected officials, but rather appointed by those elected. For Chief Parks or any Chief of Police in the County of Los Angeles to sign the JSAP document along with elected officials would be a serious breach of protocol. Mr. Parks, as all other Chiefs of Police, is represented by the L.A. County Police Chiefs Association, Pasadena Police Chief, Mr. Bernard Melekian, acting as the associations President.



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August 4, 1999

Ted Hayes, President  
Justiceville/Homeless USA  
Dome Village  
847 Golden Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Hayes:

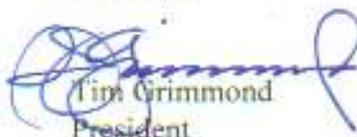
The issue of homelessness in America continues to plague the cities and counties of this country. Law enforcement finds itself in the untenable situation of being called upon to intervene in situations more appropriately left for mental health and social service providers. This is role for which we are neither culturally nor operationally suited.

The Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association recently listened to your proposal, suggesting that a national plan for homelessness be developed elicited great interest. We believe that it is worth pursuing this discussion.

The Police Chiefs' of Los Angeles County are pleased to lend their support to this concept. We stand willing to participate in a dialogue on this subject with the goal of developing a unified approach to dealing with the issue of homelessness. The issue is of such significant local impact in Los Angeles County that we believe this region could serve as a model for the rest of the nation.

Chief Bernard Melekian of the Pasadena Police Department is our representative for this issue. He may be reached at 626-744-4545. His fax number is 626-744-3781. We look forward to working together on this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Tim Grimm  
President



*BERNARD K. MELEKIAN*  
*President*

*LAWRENCE E. LEWIS*  
*First Vice President*

*MICHAEL BERKOW*  
*Second Vice President*

February 9, 2000

Mr. Ted Hayes  
National Homeless Plan Advisory Group  
The Dome Village  
847 Golden Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Hayes:

First let me thank you on behalf of the Police Chiefs of Los Angeles County for your efforts to come to grips with the issue of homelessness in this county. It has been our pleasure to work with you on this critical issue.

The issue of homelessness in America continues to plague the cities and counties of this country. Law enforcement finds itself in the untenable situation of being called upon to intervene in situations more appropriately left for mental health and social service providers. This is a role for which the police are neither culturally nor operationally suited.

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As President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association, I look forward to assisting you in moving this issue forward. I can be reached at 626-744-4545. My fax number is 626-744-3781. Please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

BERNARD K. MELEKIAN  
Chief of Police  
Pasadena Police Department



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March 20, 2000

Mr. Ted Hayes  
National Homeless Plan Advisory Group  
The Dome Village  
847 Golden Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Hayes:

The Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County applauds your efforts to develop a national plan for dealing with the issue of homelessness. We are writing this letter in support of your goal to make mental health and social service providers take a more unified approach in developing a comprehensive strategic plan to address homelessness in the United States.

As law enforcement officials, we support the concept of a national homeless plan and look forward to participating in further discussions on this topic. As you move forward, please keep us informed and let us know how we can participate to address the significant impact of homelessness in Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Bender  
President  
POALAC 2000