

**Background Information –
HOC request for WRAC Board approval of letter to Mayor
requesting data on Inside Safe & measures to address homelessness**

The WRAC HOC asks the Board to approve a polite, supportive letter to Mayor Karen Bass, requesting that up-to-date data from LAHSA and/or any other relevant sources related to the Inside Safe program and the status of government efforts to address the homelessness crisis in the City.

The HOC requires this information in order to adequately assess the status of the program and to make possible recommendations to the WRAC board – and ultimately to the Mayor and relevant City officials -- for constructive and meaningful action to further address the crisis.

News reports reflect the recent difficulty in obtaining data and information about the efficacy and expenses of the Inside Safe program:

https://www.thecentersquare.com/california/article_c624934e-3702-11ee-aa6c-a3aa4f237ce7.html

<https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/inside-safe-homeless-service-data-problems-lahsa-la-councilmembers-bass>

At the WRAC Roundtable with Mayor Bass on June 26, the Mayor indicated that her office was still reviewing data related to the program, including retention rates since her announcement in early June that more than 14,000 individuals had been housed under the program since its inception. Now, in September, it would be important to obtain the most recent data on Inside Safe and City measures to address homelessness.

The HOC believes that a letter from WRAC for informational purposes only, such as the one proposed, does not require a vote by a majority of member councils since it does not take a policy position.

WRAC Homelessness Committee

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