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January 24, 2024

Va Lecia Adams Kellum, PhD., Chief Executive Officer, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Hon. Lindsey Horvath, Chair, LA County Board of Supervisors and LAHSA Commission Chair

Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, Council District 11

Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, Council District 5

Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, Council District 10

Via email to all addressees

## Re: Invitation to Special WRAC Homelessness Committee (HOC) Meeting re LAHSA Work/Operations

Dear Dr. Adams Kellum, Supervisor Horvath and Councilwomen Park, Yaroslavsky and Hutt:

As our elected officials know, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition, founded in 2009, of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils representing the Westside of Los Angeles.

Westside neighborhoods have long experienced the effects of the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. WRAC recognizes the complexity of the problem and appreciates the efforts of LAHSA, our elected officials and other agencies to address the crisis. However, the fact that homelessness continues to increase – despite the many programs instituted and billions of dollars spent on the issue over the years – is unacceptable. The WRAC HOC seeks to join with our officials to find successful solutions to the crisis, and in that spirit, proposes to hold a special meeting to discuss LAHSA's work and to seek clarity about its operations, substantive efforts and results.

WRAC cordially invites Dr. Adams Kellum, along with Supervisor Horvath and Councilwomen Park, Yaroslavsky and Hutt, to attend a special breakfast meeting of the WRAC HOC, to be held (tentatively) on **Monday, March 4, 2024**, to address the work and methodology of LAHSA. Similar to the successful 2023 WRAC Board Member Roundtables with key elected officials, we propose to hold the HOC meeting *in-person at Belmont Village Senior Living* on Wilshire Blvd. in Westwood, with a full buffet breakfast graciously provided by Belmont starting at 8:00am and the meeting from 8:30-10:00am (HOC questions to be provided in advance).

We would appreciate your reply as soon as possible as to whether you will be able to attend. If March 4 is not possible, please advise as to your availability on another Monday morning later in the spring. We look forward to this meeting and thank you for your consideration.

## Sincerely,

## Robin Greenberg, Jay Handal and Chris Spitz

Robin Greenberg, WRAC Chair; Jay Handal, WRAC HOC Chair; Chris Spitz, WRAC & HOC Vice-Chair Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

WRAC HOC members/representatives: Bel Air Beverly Crest NC/Barbara Roll; Brentwood CC/Mindy Mann; Del Rey NC/Jillian Hegedus; Mar Vista CC/Andrew Marton, Jennifer Rafeedie; NC Westchester/Playa/Debra Huston; North Westwood NC/Elizabeth Brady, Tommy Contreras; Pacific Palisades CC/Cindi Young, Maryam Zar; South Robertson NC/Jon Liberman; Venice NC/Brian Ulf; West LA-Sawtelle NC: Jay Handal; Westside NC/ Sean McMillan; Westwood CC/Steve Sann; Westwood NC/Lisa Chapman

## cc (via email):

Tifara Monroe, Chief Operating Officer, LAHSA; Zac Gaidzik, Coastal & Westside Deputy, SD 3; Juan Fregoso, District Director, CD 11; George Hakopiants, District Director, CD 5; Terrence Gomes, West Area Deputy, CD 10; WRAC HOC members/representatives