

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY


MOTION

On May 24, 2022, CBS2 Investigation released a report stating that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) was disposing of food meant for people experiencing homelessness at the end of the day without making an effort to provide that food to people in need. The CBS2 Investigation team had followed some LAHSA workers for months and discovered that at the end of the work day some teams would throw in the trash boxes of meals that were meant for food distribution to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness.

The City Council adopted the Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 on May 18, 2022 which provides LAHSA approximately \$32 million to provide various services and assistance to people experiencing homelessness. The City also provides funding through the Emergency Shelter Grant; Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant, and other funding sources. While the City does not provide funding to LAHSA for food distribution, it is necessary to ensure that the funding LAHSA receives from the City to provide services is expended in the way intended by the Council and that unsheltered people receive the services and life-saving resources they so desperately need.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to report on their food distribution programs that serve people experiencing homelessness and the ways in which it can mitigate any future food waste.

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