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The homelessness Point-in-Time (PIT) count has been taking place for nearly a decade with a relatively consistent methodology. In 2015, the decision was made to conduct the count on an annual basis. However, due to the interruption caused by the pandemic, the count was placed on hold following the 2020 PIT. Nearly two years after the start of the pandemic, LAHSA conducted its 2022 homelessness point-in-time (PIT) count between February 22 and 24, and released its results earlier this month.

City and County leaders have consistently relied on the results of the PIT count to develop their strategy in addressing homelessness and to assess their progress. Yet, since its inception, there has been no formal reevaluation of the methodology. While the data is useful in gaining a general understanding of the homeless trends across years, it is unclear whether the current approach is most effective and accurate. In order to better inform the decisions of policy makers and contextualize the changes, it is necessary that the Council consider the strengths and weaknesses of the current PIT count method and ways to improve it.

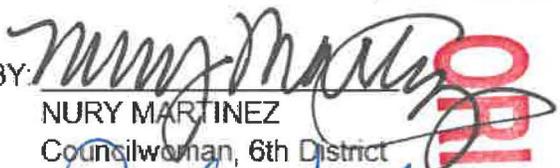
Without comparative analysis of past and future counts, the City is missing an opportunity to gain a full picture of the homeless landscape specific to Los Angeles and create a more detailed and effective response strategy. Additionally, by working with a third-party to conduct upcoming point-in-time counts, the Council can ensure that there is consistency and detailed comparison to PIT counts in years past.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of other relevant departments, to report with options on conducting a third-party point-in-time count of the City's homeless population.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO, with the assistance of other departments, to report with options to conduct a multi-year audit of LAHSA's past annual point-in-time counts, as well as other means to evaluate the effectiveness of the PIT count, including an evaluation of the methodology and potential changes, type of information corrected, and frequency.



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