

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM
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(ID # 9735)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Receive and File the 2019 Riverside County Homeless Point in Time Count Data Overview. All Districts; [\$0].

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

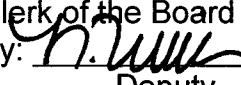
1. Receive and File the Data Overview of the 2019 Riverside County Homeless Point in Time Count

ACTION: Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Hewitt
Date: April 30, 2019
xc: E.O.

Kecia Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A			Budget Adjustment:	N/A
			For Fiscal Year:	18/19

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Homeless Point in Time Count ("PIT Count") is federally-mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to count and survey the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population in cities and counties throughout the nation, including Riverside County. HUD defines sheltered homeless persons as adults, children, and unaccompanied children who, on the night of the count, are living in shelters for the homeless; unsheltered homeless are defined as those who reside in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, or on the street. The sheltered count consists of data extracted from the countywide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and the unsheltered count consists of a street-based count, service-based count, and a homeless outreach count in unincorporated areas. The PIT Count provides a snapshot of the County's visible homeless and is not intended to represent a complete accounting of the homeless population.

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), in partnership with the County of Riverside Continuum of Care (a network of private- and public-sector homeless service providers) and cities, coordinated the PIT Count held on the morning of January 29, 2019. Multiple county departments participated, including the Department of Behavioral Health, Code Enforcement, Housing Authority, Probation and the Sheriff's Office, by taking lead in escorting volunteers, counting at unincorporated areas, covering hard to reach encampments, and providing immediate service linkage. Additionally, this year DPSS partnered with the University of California Riverside (UCR) Computer and Engineering Department, to analyze and produce the 2019 PIT Count Data report. DPSS and UCR will continue to further analyze this year's data to better understand trends in the homeless count and provide additional easy-to-use data sets for cities.

The 2019 PIT Count identified a total of 2,811 sheltered and unsheltered homeless adults and children county wide (2,045 unsheltered and 766 sheltered), which is 21% higher than the count in 2018 (2,310). The significant increase in the 2019 PIT Count can be attributed to: an enhanced count methodology that covered a wider area within the allotted count time, increased efficiency through use of a mobile web-based technology instead of paper surveys, implementation of revised survey questions to follow HUD guidelines (e.g., chronic homeless, domestic violence), planned targeting of encampment sites, an increased number of volunteers (more than 700), and increased participation from city leadership. Despite these efforts to improve the accuracy of the count, the actual number of homeless individuals is estimated to be higher than PIT Count results due to ongoing challenges of locating homeless individuals.

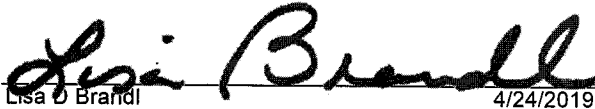
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DPSS will submit the Riverside County's final PIT Count Report to HUD by the deadline of April 30, 2019. The PIT Count is a requirement to receive federal funding for HUD homeless assistance programs; the data is also used by the state to establish funding formulas, and facilitates development of targeted strategies to help homeless individuals and families. In 2018, the Riverside County Continuum of Care received a total of \$10.1 million from HUD and \$11 million from the State of California for homeless programs and services.

A brief overview the 2019 PIT Count:

Overall Count Countywide

- 2,811 total sheltered and unsheltered PIT count for 2019 (21% increase from 2018)
- 2,045 total unsheltered PIT count for 2019 (21% increase from 2018)
- 766 total sheltered PIT count for 2019 (21% increase from 2018)


Lisa D Brandl

4/24/2019


Natalie Profant Komuro, Deputy County Executive Officer

4/23/2019