



**CITY OF  
HERMOSA BEACH**  
City Council

March 16, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Support for Reforming and Integrating Mental Healthcare Within the County's Homeless Services System Motion**

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to express strong support for the motion titled **"Reforming and Integrating Mental Healthcare within the County's Homeless Services System."** The proposal represents an important step toward strengthening coordination between behavioral health services and homelessness response efforts throughout Los Angeles County.

Across the region, local jurisdictions continue to experience the profound impacts of homelessness, particularly among individuals living with serious mental illness. The integration of mental health services with the broader homelessness response system is critical to improving outcomes for vulnerable residents and ensuring that services are delivered in a coordinated and effective manner. The motion's emphasis on field-based engagement, cross-departmental collaboration, and improved data sharing reflects best practices that are necessary to address the complex needs of individuals experiencing homelessness.

We particularly appreciate the motion's focus on enhancing collaboration between the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing. Aligning these systems will help ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness and severe mental illness are connected to appropriate care, housing resources, and long-term support services. Strengthening referral pathways, expanding field-based services, and improving program accountability will help close gaps that currently prevent many individuals from accessing the care they need. We would ask that the motion include language that states the Department of Mental Health should also be coordinating with local jurisdictions, particularly those that case conference/care coordinate with us.

Additionally, the proposed efforts to expand multidisciplinary engagement teams, improve training for providers, and streamline coordination with managed care plans represent meaningful steps toward building a more responsive behavioral health system. These initiatives will support local jurisdictions and community partners working on the front lines of the homelessness crisis.

Addressing homelessness requires a coordinated regional approach, and behavioral health services are a critical component of that effort. By strengthening collaboration across departments and aligning mental health services with the County's homeless services system, this motion helps advance a more effective and compassionate response.

For these reasons, the City of Hermosa Beach respectfully urges the Board to adopt this motion and continue advancing policies that improve access to behavioral health care and housing stability for residents across Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to addressing these complex challenges.

Sincerely,



Michael Detoy  
Mayor

cc: South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Hermosa Beach City Council