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Ms. Kristina Dixon, Acting Co-Executive Director  
Ms. Molly Rysman, Acting Co-Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Waggoner, Ms. Dixon and Ms. Rysman:

I was incredulous as I watched the recent report by KCBS's David Goldstein depicting Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority ("LAHSA") staff throwing edible meals intended for people experiencing homelessness into the trash. With so many people experiencing homelessness desperate for food on our streets, this apparent waste of taxpayer-funded resources is inexplicable and utterly unacceptable.

Mr. Goldstein's piece raises a host of pertinent questions and requires that LAHSA ensure an immediate investigation is conducted. Among the questions the investigation should answer are the following:

- Does LAHSA have written protocols for the distribution of food to people experiencing homelessness, and if so, what are they?
- If LAHSA does have these protocols, who is responsible for ensuring they are followed?
- Does discarding undistributed food violate those protocols?
- What are the consequences for violating these protocols?
- If LAHSA confirms the conduct depicted in Mr. Goldstein's piece amounted to the inexcusable waste of food; what corrective action will LAHSA take to ensure this never happens again?

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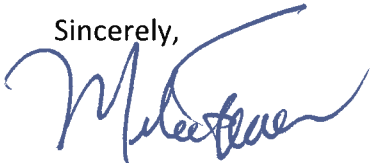
Mr. Goldstein's reporting also raises disturbing questions about whether LAHSA outreach workers devote the full extent of their work days to their fundamental task—getting people experiencing homelessness off the street and into appropriate housing and services.

- What measures will you take to ensure your staff members actually fulfill these objectives? In particular:
  - Does LAHSA have procedures to monitor the daily work LAHSA outreach workers are supposed to perform?
  - Must LAHSA workers fill out a vehicle log when they are using LAHSA vehicles? If so, are these logs regularly audited by LAHSA supervisors?

Consistent with LAHSA's mission and commitments, it is imperative that an investigation take place now. Our homelessness emergency demands it and Los Angeles taxpayers will expect it.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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