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2016-2017 Los Angeles County Budget Proposal: Investing in the Future

Los Angeles (April 11, 2016)—Los Angeles County unveiled a balanced budget proposal today of \$28.5 billion for fiscal year 2016-2017 that provides critical funding for reforms across County government.

The recommended budget advances the County's commitment to reduce homelessness, protect vulnerable children, ensure constitutional policing in the jails, strengthen wage enforcement and combat human trafficking.

The proposed spending plan, which must be approved by the Board of Supervisors, reflects an increase of \$282 million over the current fiscal year's final budget.

"Los Angeles County faces difficult challenges in lifting the quality of life for all of our residents. This recommended budget reflects our determination to accomplish this important responsibility today and into the future," said Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai.

Among the priorities funded in the recommended budget:

- \$98.7 million in dedicated funding for homeless initiatives. This amount is in addition to the millions of dollars currently being invested by County departments on homelessness.
- \$7.2 million for Housing for Health to promote rapid rehousing, case management and employment services.
- \$11.8 million to improve children and family services, including:
 - \$4.5 million and 33 budgeted positions to primarily support County efforts to treat commercially sexually-exploited children.
 - \$4 million to fund services for children who are with their parents/relatives or are in first-time placements with non-related caregivers to ensure child safety and assist in avoiding out-of-home placements
- \$1.6 million and six budgeted positions for the Sheriff's Department's Human Trafficking Bureau and \$2.9 million and 15 budgeted positions for around-the-clock operational presence at the Sheriff's Department Operational Center.

- \$10.7 million for the newly created Office of Diversion and Reentry to provide physical and mental health care programs in lieu of incarceration, where appropriate.
- \$148 million to address custody and law enforcement facilities, including planning for the replacement of Men's Central Jail and refurbishment of Mira Loma Detention Center.
- \$37.1 million for the In-Home Supportive Services Program, including \$18.7 million for the annual IHSS wage increase approved by the Board in June, 2015.
- \$191.7 million for high-priority repairs, maintenance and accessibility modifications at County facilities, including juvenile halls, animal shelters, County beaches and parks.

This budget proposal represents the first step in a months-long process that includes public hearings, deliberations and the inclusion and consideration of potential impacts from the state and federal budgets.

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