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STATEMENT: COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER ON RESULTS OF THE 2017 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT

"Today's release of the 2017 Homeless Count is a stark reminder that we continue to face a growing crisis in Los Angeles. While the passage of Measures H and HHH are welcome developments that will help ease our region's fiscal burden, we cannot afford to be complacent about the challenge of healing and rehabilitating the tens of thousands of children, veterans, and families that find themselves living at the margins in our City.

We must continue to take aggressive action to engage people experiencing homelessness in all areas of Los Angeles. In Council District 12, we've cultivated strong partnerships between the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, small businesses, local non-profits, and City departments. These partnerships have resulted in the development of the following programs:

- The purchase of a second mobile shower unit which will allow the Mission to deliver outreach and hygiene services to half of the San Fernando Valley's homeless population.
- The launch of "250LA" which enlists local, small businesses to make financial commitments supporting the Mission's goal to house an additional 250 unsheltered children and their families by the end of 2017.
- The "Clean Streets, Clean Starts" partnership between my office, Northridge Sparkle and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, engages homeless volunteers in a community beautification effort along the Reseda Blvd Great Street Corridor. These individuals receive personalized navigation through various services and has resulted in the housing, employment and sobriety of its participants.

In light of the latest homeless count, it is clear that these programs are as critical as ever. I will continue to work with partners in the community to find creative solutions to this ongoing crisis."

- Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Twelfth District

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