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**Date:** April 20, 2009

**TO:** Homeless Issues Committee

**FROM:** Gordon R. Anderson, Interim Executive Director

**SUBJECT: WSCCOG Annual Issues Conference 2009 on Homeless**

**Recommended Action:**

It is recommended that the Committee acknowledge Los Angeles County as lead on coordinating and hosting the conference, and discuss the format and key focus for the conference.

**Background**

At the January 29, 2009 COG board meeting, Homeless was approved unanimously as the topic for the 2009 Annual Issues Conference. There was agreement to broaden the topic to include other housing that may impact homeless; however, the focus to remain on homeless services and permanent supportive housing -- the continuum of service for the homeless, not just service.

The COG Homeless Issues Committee discussed this item at its February meeting. During the meeting concern was expressed about the resources needed for the Issues Conference. Since the Homeless Issues committee's meeting, the COG Liaison/Technical Committee discussed this concern.

A brief status report was given to the COG governing board at its meeting on March 19, which included an approach that would respond to the committee's earlier concern. The approach included: Los Angeles County Supervisor Yaroslavsky's office desires to take the lead on coordinating the Issues Conference; and, the COG will identify and fund someone to assist the County, if needed.

The Interim Executive Director assured the board that the proposed COG 2009-2010 budget includes sufficient funding for the Annual Issues Conference and a person to assist with logistics, publicity and implementation, if needed.

**Discussion**

With the concurrence of the Homeless Issues committee, Los Angeles County Supervisor Yaroslavsky's office is prepared to host and coordinate the Annual Issues

Conference 2009 on Homeless. Flora Gil Krisiloff, Westside Senior Field Deputy for County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, will be lead staff. Discussion and direction is needed on:

- possible dates and locations for the conference,
  - a date in the summer/fall has not been determined ( note, the next meetings of the Homeless Issues Committee are June 18 and August 20),
  - the proposed location for the conference is the L A County Hall of Administration,
- clarification of key objectives for the conference, and
- format for the conference and possible participants.