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To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *T.M.*
From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services *KC*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: Multi-Service Center 20th Anniversary Celebration

Mayor Robert Garcia and the Department of Health and Human Services are pleased to announce the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Multi-Service Center (MSC) on Thursday, October 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., at 1301 West 12th Street. There will be guest speakers, tours of the facility, and opportunities to learn more about the MSC and the City's efforts to address homelessness.

Since opening in October 1999, the MSC has developed into a critical resource for those who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness in Long Beach. The MSC serves as the central intake and assessment center for the Long Beach Continuum of Care, promoting connectivity to available resources within the City, providing regional linkages and responding to community stakeholders effectively address homelessness. The MSC represents a collaborative approach among the City and multiple public and private agencies co-located there to provide comprehensive services to homeless individuals and families.

In 2014, the MSC underwent a modernization project funded by former Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe. This project involved redesigning the MSC's floor plan to include the expansion of the lobby, classroom, medical clinic, and interview rooms, which now better meets the needs of the large volume of clients the MSC experiences.

The MSC continues to grow and evolve, gaining regional and national recognition as a best practice model. The City has been a longstanding leader in implementing local and regional strategies that promote effective service delivery and coordination, built upon the vision of the 1987 Task Force on Homelessness, and the recommendations of the recently implemented Everyone Home Long Beach Task Force.

Invitations are forthcoming. We look forward to having you join us in celebrating this significant milestone.

For more information regarding the 20th Anniversary, please contact the Homeless Services Division at (562) 570-4581.

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