Good morning,

For any whom I have not met, I am the supervisor of LAPD Hollywood Division's Coordinated Outreach Resource Enforcement Unit (CORE). I have eight officers dedicated to identifying wanted suspects of active investigations living within the homeless population of Hollywood. Hand in hand with that mission, is our aim to identify the vulnerable members of the homeless community and connect them with available services. We also are accountable to the residents and businesses of the community to be responsive to their concerns regarding "quality of life" issues. We coordinate closely with the LAPD HOPE Teams, Bureau of Sanitation Rapid Response Teams and the Clean Teams working at the direction of the City Councilman's' Offices. It is to this end that I have a specific request of each of you.

I have heard the frequent complaint that important paperwork, documents, identification cards, birth certificates, citations, or medications are frequently lost during clean-ups or incident to arrest. I understand how this can cause significant delay in a client's case management and enrollment in appropriate programs. In an attempt to preempt this from happening, I have secured a generous donation from the Hollywood Police Support Association to purchase one-thousand, high density, clear, zip-closure bags that will be printed "ESSENTIAL PERSONAL PROPERTY" with a box to write the owner's name. It is my hope that each of you will want to distribute these bags to your clients and educate them on the importance of their role in safe guarding their property.

I believe amongst this group are some talented individuals who can best construct a concise brochure or pamphlet to include in the EPP Bags. I would like each of you to consider what printed information you would like to include in these bags regarding your available programs and services. I would like to host a meeting with a representative from each of your organizations to quickly tackle this simple but important task. I have visited most of your facilities and given you a copy of the information we currently have to distribute. I have scanned and attached a copy for your review.

Please forward this email to any stakeholder you feel would be a valuable contributor to this process. I would propose that most of us are present or could be present at the bi-weekly Hollywood Outreach Collaborative Meeting. With the BID's permission we could extend the next meeting and address this.

Please trust me when I say, we, that the police, are not the solution this humanitarian crisis: but we are a part of the team and wholly committed to improving the overall health of Hollywood as a community. I will always listen to your concerns and attempt to work with you to define how our respective roles can compliment each other in this effort.
Very respectfully,

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