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## **L.A. CITY ATTORNEY ROCKY DELGADILLO'S OFFICE PARTICIPATES IN FIRST EVER SKID ROW SERVICE PROVIDERS SUMMIT**

**LOS ANGELES** – The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office's Safe Neighborhoods Division today participated in a panel discussion, along with city and county law enforcement officials, as well as local homeless service providers, to discuss some of the unintended impacts of sidewalk feeding and donations on Skid Row.

"Bringing needed resources to the homeless population on Skid Row in a way that does not negatively impact the surrounding community is a pressing concern," said City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo. "This summit is an important step in bringing together the key players in this effort in order to establish a more efficient and safe way of aiding those in need."

The Communities Serving the Homeless Summit is the result of a partnership between City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo's Office, Council Members Jan Perry and Jose Huizar's Offices, County agencies, local businesses, service providers, local ministries and concerned residents in order to address some of the pressing issues facing Skid Row's homeless population. The summit will consist of a presentation facilitated by the participating agencies which will focus on the consequences of food delivery on Skid Row, including the unorganized rush to vans distributing food and clothing, excess trash or unused food in the street, and unmonitored food preparation that could end in sickness for members of Skid Row's homeless population.

The panel discussion will also help facilitate dialogue between the business community and service providers in order to reduce any disruption or blocking of business operation as a result of administering services or resources to homeless individuals.

The group discussion is designed to bring all interested parties together in order to educate faith-based service providers on how to access existing resources and partner with community-based service providers to ensure safety, sanitary meals, cleaner streets. In addition, the program will also outline some of the unmet needs that exist on Skid Row and other communities.

Over the past year, the City Attorney's Office has worked closely with the Los Angeles Police Department, Council Offices, and other City agencies through the Safer Cities Initiative to bring needed resources to the Skid Row community as well as target nuisance activity in the area, including the prosecution and abatement of nuisance properties and businesses.

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