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# Press Release

Extra Shelter Beds Scheduled to Open to Meet Needs of Homeless During  
Inclement Weather:

## Council Approves Additional Beds for Winter Months

Los Angeles, November 24, 2004—With the winter months fast approaching, the City Council approved a motion authored by Councilwoman Perry and seconded by Councilmember Garcetti to open additional emergency shelter beds in the City of Los Angeles from December 2004 to March 2005. The beds will supplement the 800-plus beds that currently operate on a year-round basis to help meet the needs of homeless individuals in the city.

"Emergency shelters continue to operate at above capacity and as the winter months approach it is essential that we provide more beds to meet the needs of the homeless population," said Perry. "These services are often the first step in connecting people with valuable services and moving them one step closer to finding success in their lives and gaining permanent housing. It is an important step in the right direction that we are again able to provide these services on a year-round basis."

The Cold Wet Weather program is designed to provide approximately 2,000 shelter beds county-wide during inclement weather months. Over 400 new shelter beds will be added in the City of Los Angeles alone with an approximately 800 new beds opening throughout the County.

In May of 2003, Perry and Garcetti successful authored and received support for a motion that extended 860 =winter shelter beds to year-round shelter beds in the City of Los Angeles. The beds were extended again in 2004 with the help of Mayor Hahn, who identified and funded the year-round beds.

"Winter shelters provide roofs over people's heads when they need them the most - during the coldest months of the year," Mayor Hahn said. "But people deserve a safe place to sleep no matter what the weather is like, so I was glad to join with Councilwoman Perry this year to extend our winter shelter program year round, and I look forward to working with her again on next year's budget to make sure people have places to go whenever they need help."

"People deserve shelter, not only during the holidays, but throughout the entire year. This action protects families and individuals from the dangers of the street and puts them on the path to turning their live around," said Garcetti.

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Under this years program, seven non-profit organizations will operate temporary shelters for homeless persons. The services will be provided in leased facilities in the City of Los Angeles. Winter shelter beds will be provided at seven locations throughout Los Angeles beginning in December. The locations are:

- \* New Image Shelter: 3801 Broadway Place, Los Angeles, CA 90037
- \* Proyecto Pastoral: 171 South Gless Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
- \* People Helping People: 5701 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011
- \* MJB Recovery Inc.: 11152 South Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061
- \* SRO Housing Inc.: 403 E. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013
- \* LA Family Housing Inc.: 7843 Lankershim Boulevard. North Hollywood, CA 91605
- \* Covenant House: 1325 North Western Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90027

*Councilwoman Perry represents the Ninth Council District, which encompasses the most culturally diverse and vibrant communities in Los Angeles, including Bunker Hill, Little Tokyo, and South Los Angeles.*

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