Los Angeles County Assessor Rick Auerbach today backed efforts by Sheriff Lee Baca to deal with the problems of the homeless and raise public awareness of the situation through public forums like that held at the Richard Riordan Central Library.

“I applaud the Sheriff’s efforts to put this situation in the forefront of issues facing Los Angeles city and county elected officials and our community leaders,” Auerbach said.

“As an elected official whose job primarily centers on homes and other traditional forms of shelter,” he added, “I fully support the sheriff’s courage and far-sightedness in looking for ways to help the less fortunate and those who may need the intervention available through county programs.

“I stand ready to assist the sheriff in any way I can to help resolve what is a significant and growing problem.”