



## **2009 Point in Time Count & Survey “Hot Spot” Identification**

The 2009 Orange County Point in Time Count and Survey (PITS) will be an estimate by statistical sample; we will count 150 of the County’s 577 census tracts and then statistically estimate the entire County’s homeless population. Identifying “hot spots” - specific locations where the homeless population is concentrated - improves our estimation accuracy and yields a more accurate final result.

Experience has proven that homeless advisors are the best source for hot spot identification, and we need your support to ensure their participation. With your endorsement, we are asking recommended homeless persons and well-informed staff from the homeless service provider network with firsthand knowledge of the Orange County homeless community to help us identify “hot spots.” We will include these “hot spots” in our street count. We also want to identify “cold spots” - specific locations where the homeless have no access, or will never be found. We will not enumerate most of these areas during the PITS street count.

If you have firsthand knowledge on currently active “hot spots” in Orange County, or can refer us to individuals who can help us in this effort, please contact [info@pointintimeoc.org](mailto:info@pointintimeoc.org). A member of the PITS Committee will need 15-20 minutes of your time to review a map and notate “hot spot” and “cold spot” locations. This short interview can take place at your office or facility, over the phone, or at OC Partnership’s office located at 139 S. Olive Street in Orange.

**Thank you!**