



County of Los Angeles  
**Anti-Racism,  
Diversity,  
& Inclusion**

CREATING AN LA COUNTY  
WHERE WE ALL THRIVE

# Black People Experiencing Homelessness (BPEH) Action Kick-Off

*January 9, 2023*



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Executive Director, Racial Equity



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT





# OPENING



# AGENDA

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

ARDI / Context Setting

BPEH Steering Committee and Recommendations

Morning Panel 1: Coordinating our Commitment to Racial Equity

Morning Panel 2: Community Partners Panel

Breakouts

Lunch

Breakouts

Close



# LA COUNTY'S ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (ARDI) INITIATIVE



# ANTI-RACISM, DIVERSITY, & INCLUSION (ARDI) INITIATIVE



In July 2020, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion that created the Board's Eighth-Board directed priority known as the Anti-racism, Diversity, & Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative. The Board's motion boldly articulated an anti-racist agenda that will guide, govern, and increase the County's ongoing commitment to fighting racism in all its dimensions.

# Addressing Racial Disparities



## Disproportionate rates of homelessness for Black people

**Black people are 9% of the population in LA, but about 30% of the homeless population**

Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. (2022 Homeless Count)



## 34% of Homeless Youth are Black

**65% of Black Homeless Youth reside in Service Planning Area 8**

Source: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. (October 2022 Count)



# So... why *Equity*?

When it comes to understanding the importance of equity, we start by acknowledging that **institutions and their systems** have been **intentionally designed to benefit or exclude certain populations.**


- These systems have been in place for so long that the outcomes people experience may appear **unintentional**, but are actually rooted in **discriminatory practices and beliefs.**

## Equality

“The idea that each individual or group of people is **treated the same**, given the same resources or expected to take advantage of the same opportunities.”

## Equity

Acknowledges that each person has a unique background and circumstances, and starts from a different place.



“The idea that differences matter, and that systems must be balanced to distribute resources and opportunities needed to reach equal outcomes **by treating everyone justly according to their circumstances.**”

**Come! See! Hear!**



**SENATOR  
EUGENE McATEER**

**ASSEMBLYMAN  
W. BYRON RUMFORD**

AND

**Tarea Hall Pittman**  
Regional Secretary NAACP



**SPEAK ON THE CAMPAIGN FOR**

# **A FAIR HOUSING LAW IN CALIFORNIA**

**and Other Human Rights Legislation**

**IN 1963**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1963 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Ben Franklin Junior High School**

GEARY AND SCOTT STREETS, SAN FRANCISCO **Ample Parking**

**California Committee  
for Fair Practices**

C. L. Dellums, Chairman  
William Becker, Secretary  
Terry A. Francois, Meeting Chairman

**Sponsoring Organizations:**

S. F. Branch NAACP  
S. F. Committee for Fair Housing  
Catholic Interracial Council  
Community Service Organization

**Benefit:** California Committee for Fair Practices - 2940 16th St., San Francisco - MA 1-7742

# ANTI-RACISM

- Anti-racism is... the “active process of identifying and eliminating racism by changing systems, organizational structures, policies and practices and attitudes, so that power is redistributed and shared equitably.”

Source:

National Action Committee on the Status of Women International  
Perspectives: Women and Global Solidarity

**At left: Racially restrictive covenants were written into housing deeds, to ensure that homes could not be sold to (or occupied by) people not considered to be white. In response, activists organized, strategized, and galvanized public support for legal remedies.**

# LA County Vision for Racial Equity & ARDI Mission



**Vision:** Los Angeles County is a place where all residents are healthy, experience justice and thrive.

**Mission:** To end structural racism and its consequences in Los Angeles County. To boldly articulate an anti-racist agenda that will guide, govern, and increase the County's ongoing commitment to fighting systemic and institutional racism in all its forms and dimensions by directing, building capacity for, and sustaining the development of equitable policy, workforce culture, data analysis, and resource distribution.

# CENTERING RACIAL EQUITY IN HOMELESSNESS

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**Embody an inclusive approach**

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**Pause and reflect to ensure co-creation**

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**Prioritize systemic changes and upstream solutions**

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**Center voices of people with lived experience**

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**Ensure implementation entities are guided by those closest to the work**

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**Prioritize a grounded theoretical framework lifting up community research**

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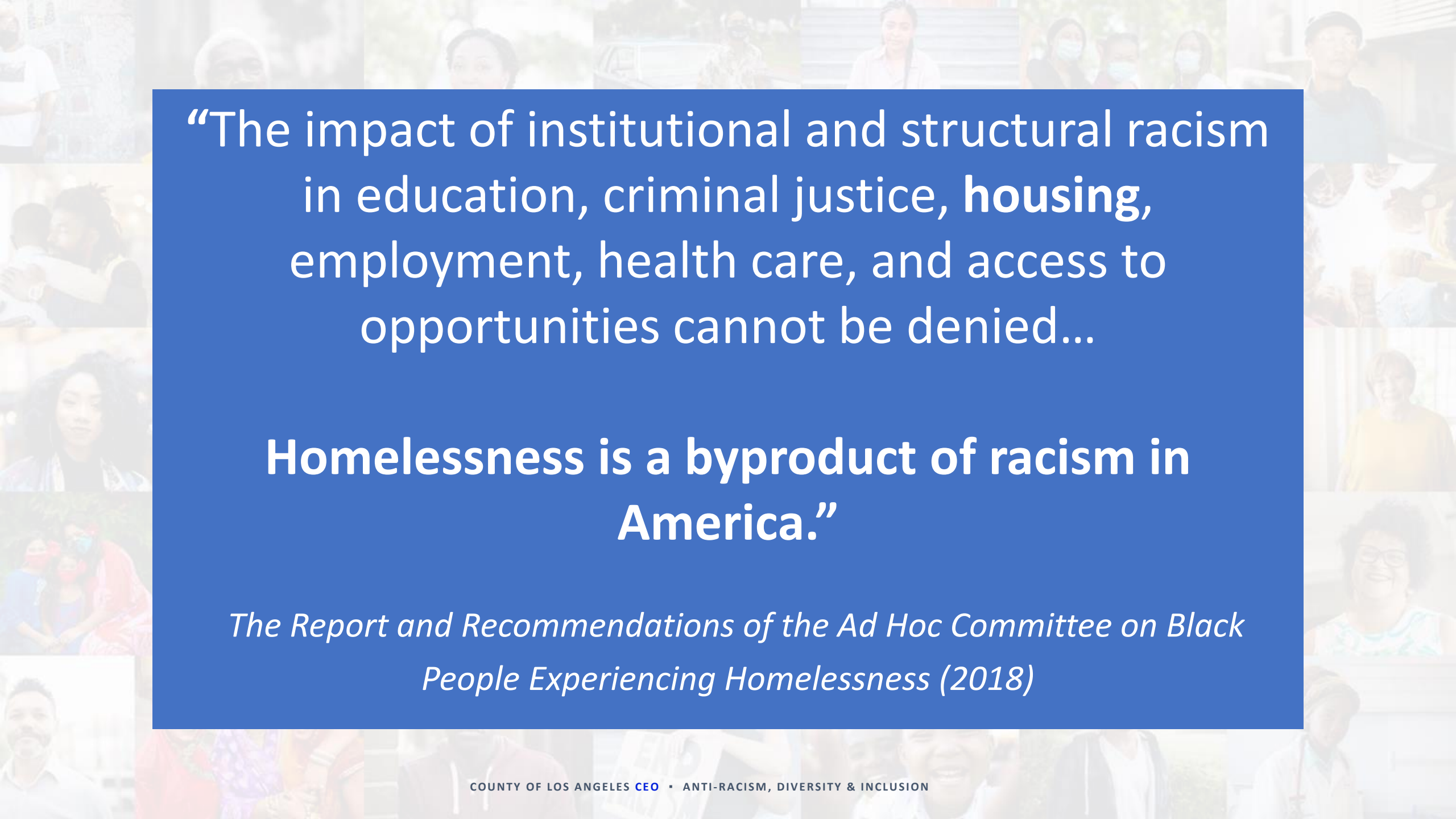
**Develop accountability measures to ensure tangible racial equity outcomes**

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**Move together under a shared racial equity lens**



# BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTATION



“The impact of institutional and structural racism in education, criminal justice, **housing**, employment, health care, and access to opportunities cannot be denied...

**Homelessness is a byproduct of racism in America.”**

*The Report and Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness (2018)*

# 2018 AD-HOC BPEH RECOMMENDATION CATEGORIES

Overarching  
Recommendations

Cost of Living and Lack  
of Employment  
Opportunities

Criminal Justice System  
Involvement and Re-  
entry

Foster Care and Child  
Welfare System  
Involvement

Coordinated Entry  
System Access and  
Assessment

Permanent Housing and  
Retention

# 2018 AD-HOC BPEH RECOMMENDATION AIMS

1

- Improve **data collection, analysis, and collaborative research** related to Black people experiencing homelessness

2

- Advance **racially-equitable policies, programs, and funding** across institutions, including LAHSA, homeless service providers, and City and County agencies.

3

- Enhance **cross-system collaboration and partnerships** supporting Black people experiencing homelessness

4

- Expand **capacity building and training** opportunities that increase skills to address Black people experiencing homelessness

5

- Implement **targeted improvements to service delivery within the Los Angeles County CES and other systems of care** to reduce disparities for Black people experiencing homelessness

6

- **Expand advocacy at federal, state, and local government levels** for progressive and racially equitable policies, programs impacting Black people experiencing homelessness.



# PHASED IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

**Phase 1 (2018 -2021)**

Laying the  
Foundation

**Phase 2 (2021)**

County Transfer for  
Implementation

**Phase 3 (2022 +)**

Implementation  
and Evaluation

# ARDI BPEH COORDINATION MOVING FORWARD

Ongoing Coordination with LAHSA, Homeless Initiative, City of LA, Steering Committee Members

Work Planning

Budget Development

Providing Staff Support

Administrative Management

Communication Across Stakeholders

Tracking Outcomes and Reporting

Data Management and Analysis

Backbone support for Implementation Steering Committee

# BPEH Implementation Steering Committee



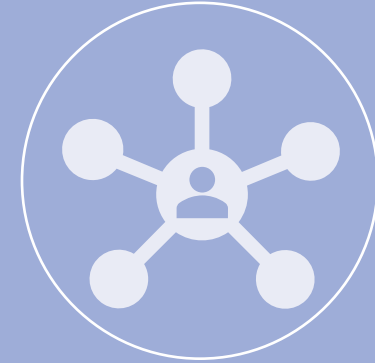
## Build off Ad-Hoc Committee Momentum

- **Shifted national narrative** with over 43 media mentions
- **12 recommendations** already underway or completed
- Prioritization identified **23 additional recommendations** as “low hanging fruit”



## Motion Focus on Interagency Coordination

- County call for **coordination between LAHSA, County, City & other stakeholders** on workplan
- City motion call for **workplan** and implementation of Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations



## Ad-Hoc Committee Report & Commissioner Recommendations

- **Cross-systems coordination**
- **Need “all hands on deck”**
- **Center lived experience**
- **Prioritize community supports**
- **Inside-outside strategy**

# BPEH Implementation Steering Committee

Dr. Va Lecia Adams-Kellum

- St. Joseph Center

Pastor Eddie Anderson

- McCarty Memorial Christian Church

Dr. Jack Barbour

- SCHARP - CA

Gerardo Ramirez

- LA County CEO-HI

Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

- LA County, CEO-ARDI

Janet Kelly

- Sanctuary of Hope

Veronica Lewis

- HOPICS

Alisa Orduna

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Vanessa Guillen

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Jonathan Nomachi

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Suzette Shaw

- Community Advocate

Reba Stevens

- Community Advocate

Alexis Tanner

- St. Joseph Center

Clifton Trotter

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Alice Okali

- LA County, CEO-ARDI

Capri Maddox

- City of LA

Ronnell Hampton

- City of LA



# MORNING PANEL 1

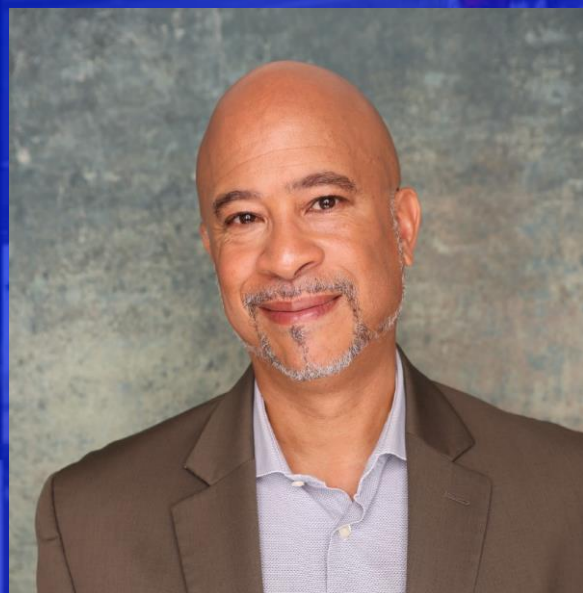
## COORDINATING OUR COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY



# PANEL 1: COORDINATING OUR COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY



Moderator: D'Artagnan  
Scorza, CEO-ARDI



Panelist: Stephen David  
Simon, LAHSA



Panelist: Capri Maddox,  
City of LA



Panelist: Cheri Todoroff,  
CEO-HI



**LAHSA**

**BPEH Action Kick-Off**

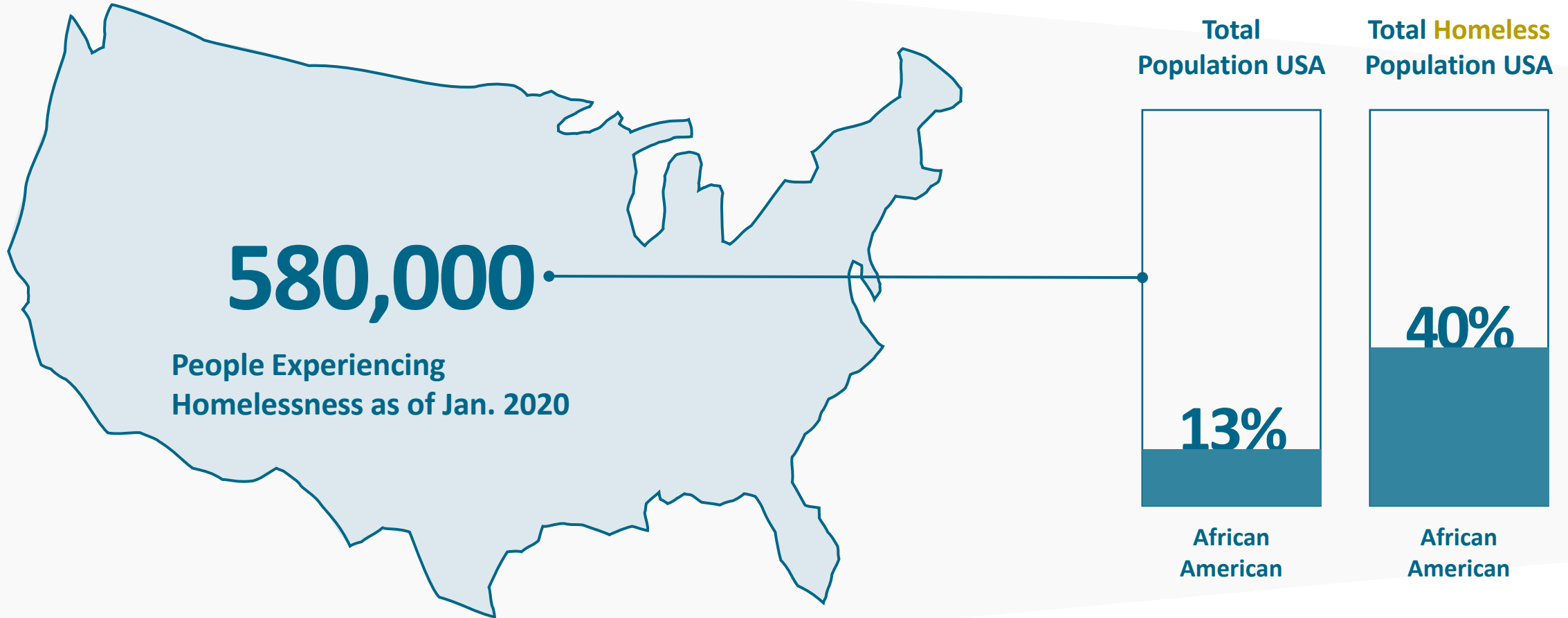
# Taking Action for Racial Equity in LA's Rehousing System

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

Stephen David Simon, Executive Director

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January 9, 2023





# Black people in the LA CoC are 3x more likely to experience homelessness

Race / Ethnicity	LA CoC Homeless Population	LA County Population*
Hispanic/Latino	44.5%	49.1%
<b>Black/African-American</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
White	21.0%	25.3%
American-Indian/Alaskan Native	0.9%	1.5%
Asian	0.9%	15.6%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.4%
Multi-Racial/Other	2.5%	3.3%



\*U.S. Census Data

## LAHSA Permanent Housing Placements as of April 30, 2022

Race / Ethnicity	Total	Percent
Hispanic / Latino	3,446	34.3%
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	85	0.8%
Asian or Asian American	125	1.3%
<b>Black, African American, or African</b>	<b>4,376</b>	<b>43.6%</b>
Multiracial	143	1.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	57	0.6%
White	1,547	15.4%
Unknown Race	258	2.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>100%</b>

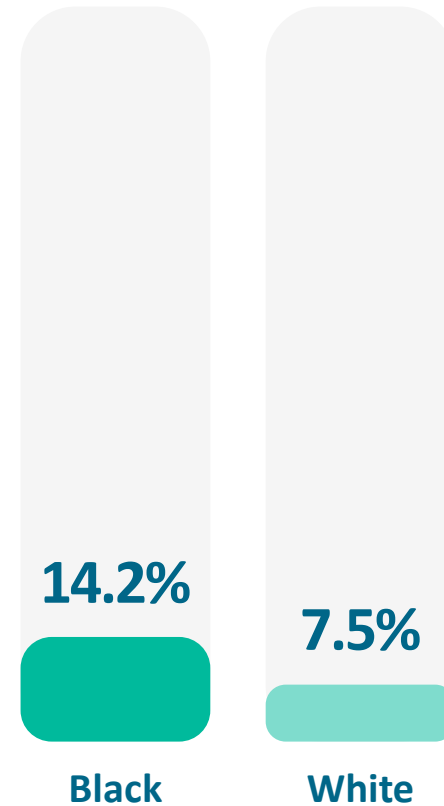
SOURCE: HMIS for LA, Pasadena, and Glendale CoCs  
 Timeframe: 7/1/2021 – 3/31/2022, pulled on 5/17/2022

# There are significant racial inequalities in LA's PSH System.

Data shows that Black People exit Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and return to homelessness more than other ethnic groups.

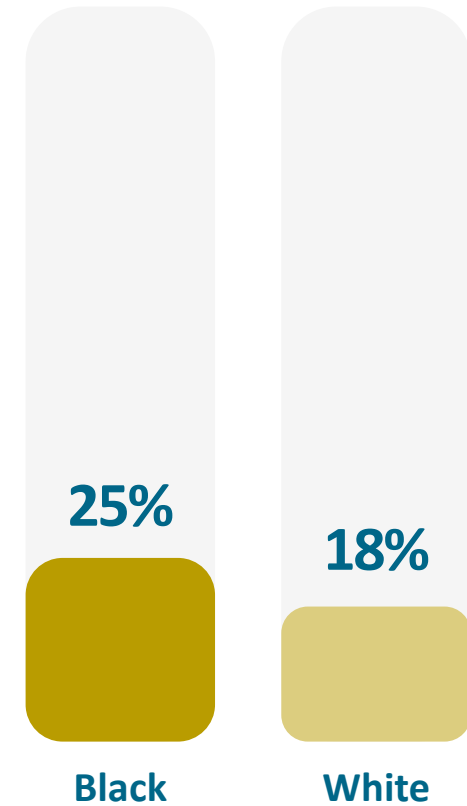
The California Policy Lab also found that **Black PSH residents are 39% more likely to return to homelessness**, than White residents.

Ad Hoc Committee on Black PEH  
(LA CoC, 2017 -2018)



Single adults in PSH that returned to homelessness

California Policy Lab Report  
(LA CoC 2010-2019)



Single adults returned to IH or street homelessness after being placed in PSH

## Historic and institutional racism drives Black people out of PSH

1. Black people are often forced to leave their communities and families to obtain housing in available PSH units.
2. Existing PSH structures tend to limit Black people's PSH options, to the communities, where their services were initiated, thus segregating them from other housing options.
3. Black PSH participants are subject to unequal treatment, microaggressions, and pathologizing throughout their journey to housing.
4. Landlord's have historically discriminated against Black people, limiting the options of Black residents with tenant-based vouchers.



## PSH continues to underserve Black people

- **Tools used to Connect to Housing can be Biased** - The Ad Hoc Committee and the CESTTRR found that Black people experienced bias with the CES Triage Tool.
- **Lack of continuation of resident services that are culturally specific.** - Services should be tailored to the needs of the individual and more culturally competent providers should be available to provide supportive services.
- **As PSH participants achieve long-term goals, they can grow out of their placement** - People who hit milestones with sobriety and mental health want bigger homes away from other PSH participants who are still on their long-term journey. Limited options for affordable housing create barriers for upward mobility.
- **Supportive Services are tied to PSH** - When Black people leave PSH, they are no longer eligible for the services, community support, or independent living skills they depended on to help get them housed.



## What LAHSA Has Done:

**01** Creation of an Equity Department at LAHSA to identify and address inequities in LA's homeless services system.

**02** Launched the LAHSA Equity Committee.

**03** Advocated to state and federal benefit programs to remove barriers to services.

**04** Created a mandatory racial equity training series for all LAHSA staff that addressed implicit bias, prejudice and discrimination within LAHSA.

**06** Partnered with key stakeholders to launch a county-wide racial equity initiative.

**07** Partnered with the key stakeholders to enact a civil and human-rights ordinance in the City and County.

**08** Passed a new CES Matching and Prioritization Policy that centers equity in resource allocation.

**09** Launched the CESTTRR effort to ensure that our assessment tool is not racially biased and properly assesses Black people experiencing homelessness vulnerability

# Ongoing Efforts

## System

- LAHSA is developing a true inventory of PSH that accurately reflects the various types of PSH in LA's system.
- This will allow us to better monitor and provide technical assistance to providers or sites that have higher turnover of Black residents.



## Funding

- LAHSA is allocating \$5 in funding for Capacity Building and Organizational Technical Assistance, as well as working capital, as equity initiatives, targeting small and mid-sized non-profits led by, and serving persons of color.
- These initiatives will increase access to funding and improve agency organizational health.



## Policy

- LAHSA shifted to principles-based framework, with equity being a primary principle for all new policies developed CES Prioritization & Matching.
- The principles inform guidance around the development, implementation and monitoring to ensure alignment with an equity-based approach.



# There is still much more that needs to be done and you can help!

## Advocate

We can improve Black people's access to PSH by supporting policies that will:

- Create more affordable housing
- Increase tenant protections
- Center equity in the prioritization of resources
- Change bureaucratic structures to ensure Black people have access to the whole PSH portfolio
- Mandate racial equity training in the homeless services system
- Form partnerships with smaller community-based organizations and service providers (many are often led by BIPOC) to build trust with Black PEH

## Improve Services

*For PSH projects:*

- Provide targeted technical assistance to PSH buildings and projects that have especially high turnover of Black tenants.
- Expand 24-hour security to project-based PSH programs.

*For case managers:*

- Address high turnover among case managers to ensure Black people receive consistent support.
- Create defined pathway for career development for case managers and work to increase wages of frontline staff

*For PSH participants:*

- Implement a strong life skills course for PSH participants to improve self-sufficiency
- Develop services to support people transitioning from PSH to independent housing.



## Contact



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# CH Civil + Human Rights R♥ and Equity Department

Coordinating our Commitment to Racial Equity  
January 2023





# Commission Support

- Commission on Civil Rights
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Human Relations Commission
  - Transgender Advisory Council
- Reparations Advisory Commission



# Community Engagement and Outreach

- Faith-Based Unity Events
- Community Diversity Events
- Discrimination/Bias Awareness Training
- Hate Crime Prevention
- Discrimination Enforcement Outreach

# Discrimination Enforcement

Addressing discrimination in private commerce, education, employment, and housing



# Equity and Empowerment

- Policy Equity Lens
- Upward Mobility Programming
- RENEW Task Force
- Office of Racial Equity
  - L.A. REPAIR Participatory Budgeting
  - Peace and Healing Centers





# Discrimination Enforcement

**LA Civil Rights has quasi-judicial authority to address the long-standing discrimination impacting underserved communities which denies equal treatment in private commerce, education, employment, and housing.**

**File a complaint: [civilandhumanrights.lacity.org](https://civilandhumanrights.lacity.org)**



# CH R♥ Discrimination Enforcement Areas

**The City of Los Angeles Ordinance 186084, Section 51.05 allows any person whose rights are violated as described in Section 51.03 to file a complaint. LA Civil Rights has authority over complaints involving actual or perceived:**

## Commerce

- Age
- Citizenship Status
- Color
- Creed
- Disability
- Employment Status
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Gender Expression
- Gender Identity
- Genetic Information
- Marital Status
- Medical Condition
- Military Status
- National Origin
- Partnership Status
- Primary Language
- Race
- Religion
- Sexual Orientation
- Source of Income
- Veteran Status

## Education

- Age
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- Sexual Orientation
- Source of Income
- Veteran Status

## Employment

- Employment Status
- Primary Language
- Source of Income

## Housing

- Citizenship Status
- Employment Status
- Primary Language

State law controls the enforcement of housing and employment violations for certain protected classes. For housing and employment violations involving these protected classes, LA Civil Rights will refer violations to the appropriate agency, including the City Attorney, District Attorney, State of California Civil Rights Department, Attorney General, or a legal aid group. LA Civil Rights will only provide referrals when superseded by state or federal law. When LA Civil Rights has authority, complainants have the option to go through an investigation and hearing process or proceed on their own in state court.

# L.A. REPAIR

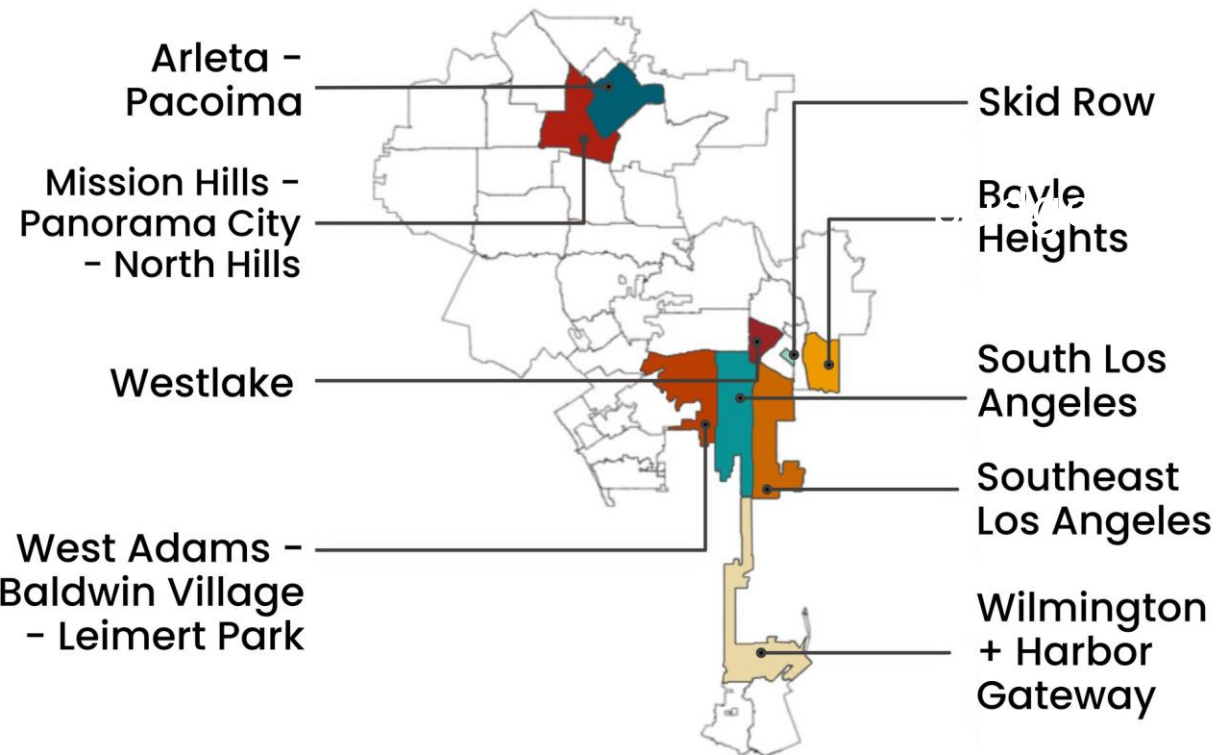
## Innovation Fund

L.A.'s First Participatory Budgeting Pilot

L.A. REPAIR Plan

### Budgeting & Racism

#### REPAIR ZONES



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L.A. REPAIR Plan

### Budgeting & Racism

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### Peace & Healing Centers

A \$2 million program supporting community organizations in nine REPAIR Zones.

# REPAIR ZONES

**Our Office of Racial Equity identified REPAIR Zones using a number of indices, including:**

- Poverty rate,
- Unemployment rate,
- COVID-19 mortality rate,
- Air & water pollution,
- Overcrowded housing %,
- and more.

*Sources: CalEnviroScreen, CDC Social Vulnerability Index, Healthy Places Index.*

**REPAIR Zones Represent:**

**33%**

of all Angelenos

**50%**

of Angelenos living in poverty

**63%**

of all Black Angelenos

# L.A. REPAIR

## Participatory Budgeting



**\$8.5M** across 9 REPAIR Zones



### DESIGN THE PROCESS

REPAIR Zone Committees develop the program Guidebook and plan for implementation.



### IDEA COLLECTION

REPAIR Zone community members share their ideas for programs.



### DEVELOP PROPOSALS

Nonprofits and community-based organizations transform ideas into program proposals.



### VOTE

REPAIR Zone community members vote for the program proposals they want funded.



### FUND & IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS

The City funds program proposals with the most votes and monitors implementation.



### EVALUATE THE PROCESS

REPAIR Zone Committees and City reflect to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

**Rolling out in Boyle Heights, Southeast LA, and Mission Hills-Panorama City-North Hills NOW.**

**GET INVOLVED:**  
[repair.lacity.org](http://repair.lacity.org)





# P & H

PEACE & HEALING CENTERS

\$2  
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on

will be used to open Peace & Healing Centers in nine historically excluded and marginalized communities.

Early 2023

[civilandhumanrights.lacity.org/peaceandhealing](http://civilandhumanrights.lacity.org/peaceandhealing)

The Peace & Healing Centers program partners with local organizations in REPAIR Zones to fund community spaces for environmental, economic, and social healing.

## Goals of Peace & Healing Centers



Build Stronger Communities



Improve Trust in Government



Support  
Community Organizations



Strengthen City-Community  
Relationships



# The Office of Racial Equity

## The Racial Equity Audit

Our Office of Racial Equity is producing a Racial Equity Audit of City programs, policies, and practices, stemming from the LAHSA BPEH Report.

This includes a plan to address barriers to economic stability, specifically among African Americans.

Motion by Councilmembers Mark Ridley-Thomas, Curren Price, and Marqueece Harris-Dawson.

The Racial Equity Audit is still underway and should be released later this year. We are adding a research partner to give us vital data on this issue.



# Connect With LA Civil Rights

@lacivilrights    

**Civil & Human Rights Department of Los Angeles** 

**Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department** 



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County of Los Angeles  
Homeless  
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# Homeless Initiative

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The **Homeless Initiative** is the central coordinating body for Los Angeles County's efforts to **expand and enhance housing and services** for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Created by the Board of Supervisors within the County's **Chief Executive Office**, the Homeless Initiative directs, oversees and evaluates **strategies** to address and prevent homelessness, and administers **Measure H revenue and other funding**.

The Homeless Initiative works with **County departments/agencies, cities and COGs**, and **nonprofit service providers** to scale up:

**Prevention**

serving people at risk of eviction or exiting institutions like foster care, hospitals, and more

**Outreach**

building relationships with people living outdoors/in vehicles, and connecting them to housing and services

**Interim Housing**

temporary accommodations, like emergency shelters, recuperative care facilities, and more

**Permanent Housing**

short or long-term rental subsidies with/without varied levels of supportive services

**Supportive Services**

can include case management, and connections to physical/mental healthcare, substance use disorder treatment, criminal record clearing, employment support, and more

# Impact Dashboard

Period Covered: Jul 2017 – Sep 2022 (63 months)



**87,148** People placed in **Permanent Housing**  
**39%** of them benefited from **Measure H**

**118,318** People placed in **Interim Housing**  
**52%** of them benefited from **Measure H**

# NEW FRAMEWORK

In 2022, after a yearlong reassessment of its original strategies, the Homeless Initiative adopted a **New Framework** for preventing and addressing homelessness.

The **New Framework** calls for advancing **Racial Equity** across policymaking, planning, funding, and implementation.



# PILLARS OF THE NEW FRAMEWORK

1

## COORDINATE

Create a coordinated system that links critical infrastructure and drives best practices.

2

## PREVENT

Target prevention services to avoid entry or a return to homelessness.

3

## CONNECT

Link and navigate everyone to an exit pathway.

4

## HOUSE

Rapidly rehouse using interim and permanent housing.

5

## STABILIZE

Scale services critical to rehousing and stabilization success.

Homeless Rehousing System

Mainstream Government Systems

Local Jurisdictions

## Mainstream Government Systems

Identify and **prioritize the most at-risk households for prevention** services **to reduce inflow** into homelessness and ensure there is “**no wrong door**” for people seeking help to address housing insecurity.

## Homeless Rehousing System

Focus primarily, but not exclusively, on **housing the “persistently underserved”** – people with the most complex challenges who require ongoing, focused, resource-heavy intervention.

## Cities and COGs

Strengthen collaboration, creative investment, and resource pooling to **develop more permanent housing**; coordinate on **encampment resolution** to provide pathways to interim/permanent housing and services.

# FOCUS OF THE NEW FRAMEWORK



Increasing **permanent housing** placements



Improving flow through the rehousing system, more effectively **moving people from street to housing**



Serving **people with complex challenges** who face barriers exiting homelessness

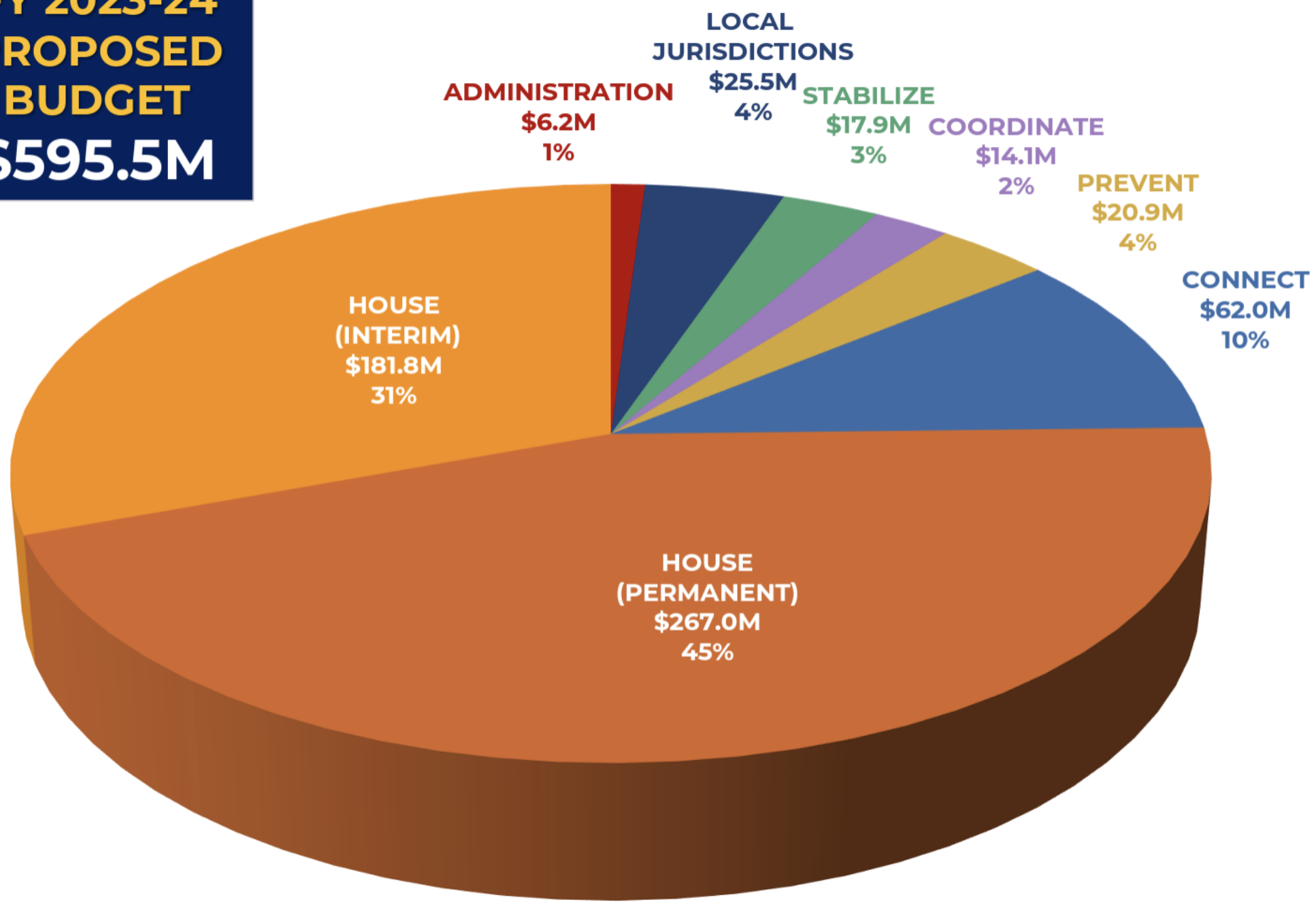


Expanding collaborative partnerships with **cities and Councils of Governments**

# FY 23-24 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Every year, the Homeless Initiative develops the spending plan for **Measure H**, a 1/4-cent sales tax approved by County voters to address homelessness, and other funding, such as **HHAP**.
- This year's funding recommendations reflect our **New Framework** and feedback from **extensive community and stakeholder engagement**, including dedicated sessions with people with **lived expertise**.
- Board of Supervisors to vote **January 24**
- If approved, implementation begins **July 1**

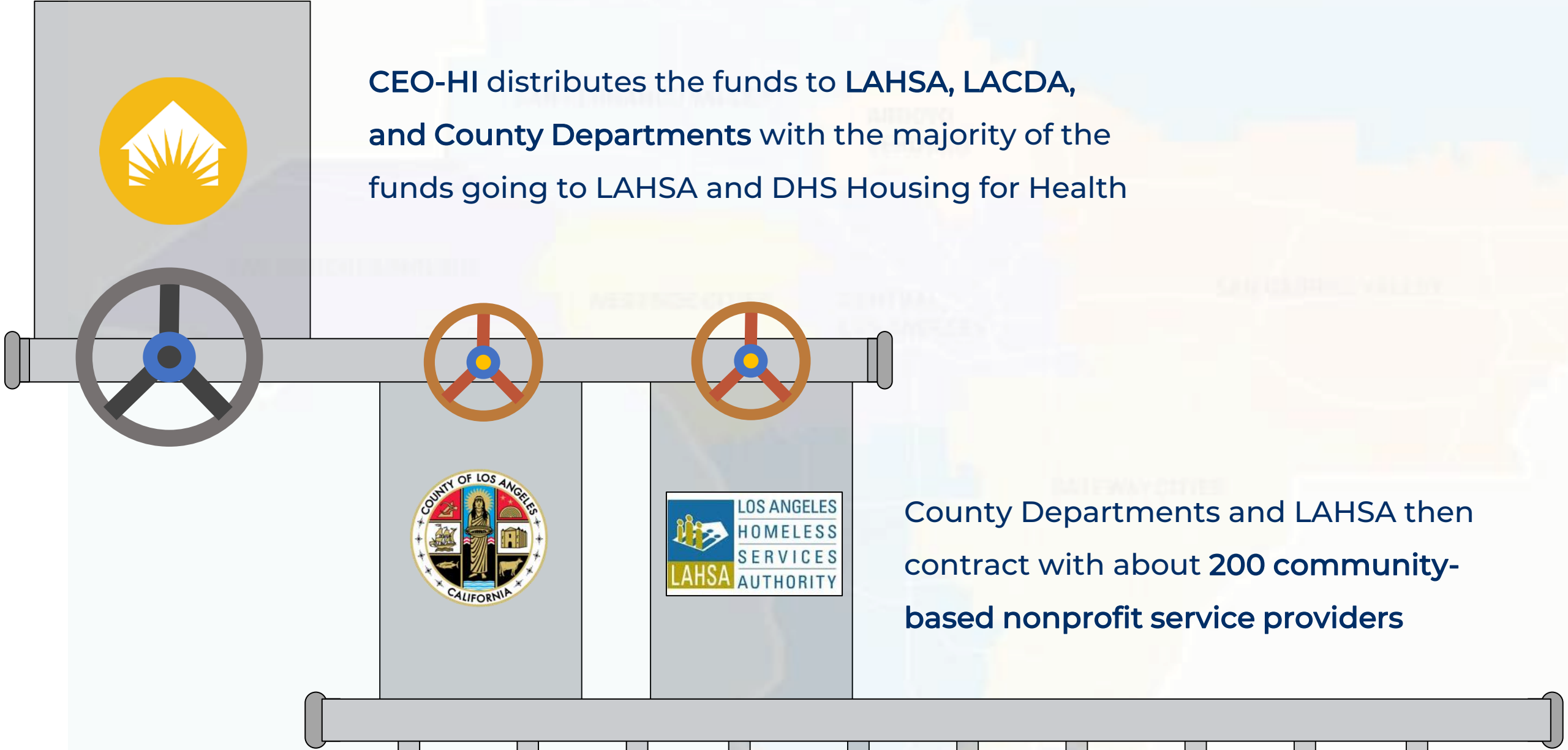
**FY 2023-24  
PROPOSED  
BUDGET  
\$595.5M**



**Measure H  
\$513.1 M  
86%**

**HHAP 4  
\$82.3 M  
14%**

CEO-HI distributes the funds to LAHSA, LACDA, and County Departments with the majority of the funds going to LAHSA and DHS Housing for Health



County Departments and LAHSA then contract with about 200 community-based nonprofit service providers



# Fiscal Year 2023/24 Highlights

- Increased number of **HOME and MDT outreach teams** serving people with more complex health and/or behavioral health conditions
- Increased number of **people with lived expertise on outreach teams**
- Expanded **encampment resolution** program in partnership with cities/COGs
- **Interim housing** site with **24/7 intakes** to support after-hours outreach and engagement
- Increased **unit acquisition** and increased placements in **permanent supportive housing**

# Fiscal Year 2023/24 Highlights

- Increased capacity to assess **ADL** needs and connect clients to **care giving services, IHSS, and ERC**
- **Increased support** for mental health conditions, substance use disorders, and activities of daily living (ADL)
- More **housing navigation**
- **Increased funding** to cities/COGs
- **Increased coordination** between cities/COGs and the outreach teams and interim/permanent housing providers in their communities





Stacey was housed at a Homekey property in Long Beach

# RACIAL EQUITY WORK

- Partner with ARDI to implement Ad Hoc Committee Report on Black People Experiencing Homelessness (BPEH) recommendations, sit on BPEH Implementation Steering Committee.
- Collaborate with ARDI to develop a Racial Equity Plan.
- People with lived expertise are at the table informing Homeless Initiative goals, strategies and funding.
- Use ARDI equity tools for interim housing and permanent housing; will expand use of tools within these programs/services and to additional areas.



County departments administering Homeless Initiative funding also embed equity into their work. For example, DHS Housing for Health:

- collects and analyzes racial data to improve participation in clinical care, bolster housing outcomes, improve access to public benefits
- diverse participation in program development/improvement
- develops a culturally competent workforce
- improving equity in permanent housing access and retention

# **CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

## **State of Emergency**

December 12, 2022:

**City of Los Angeles declares State of Emergency on Homelessness**

December 20, 2022

**Board of Supervisors unanimously to support the City's Emergency Declaration.**

- emphasizes equity when conducting outreach and providing housing.
- calls for using ARDI equity tools
- calls on County departments to implement the directives in an equitable manner, based on need per the Homeless Count

# **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

## **Motion to Declare State of Emergency**

January 10, 2023

### **Board of Supervisors will consider proclaiming a local State of Emergency for homelessness in Los Angeles County**

- Faster, more streamlined creation of housing
- expanded services
- more effective and efficient use of funds
- expedited contracting and procurement
- accelerated hiring
- coordinate efforts with the State and Federal governments and cities within the County

# Thank You



County of Los Angeles

**Homeless  
Initiative**



# MORNING PANEL 2

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS PANEL



## PANEL 2: COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Moderator: Pastor  
Eddie Anderson,  
McCarty Memorial  
Christian Church



Panelist: Saba Mwine,  
HPRI



Panelist: Dr. Va Lecia  
Adams Kellum, St.  
Joseph's Center



Panelist: Reba Stevens,  
Advocate with Homeless  
Lived Experience



Panelist: Janet Kelly,  
Sanctuary of Hope



# BREAKOUT SESSIONS





# BREAKOUT INSTRUCTIONS-Where to Go

## BREAKOUT ROOM: Catalina Room

- Session 1 (11:15-12:30pm) **Overarching Recs**
- Session 3 (1:25-2:40pm) **Criminal Justice Involvement & Reentry**
- Session 5 (2:45-4:00pm) **Coordinated Entry System Access**

## BREAKOUT ROOM: Cabrillo Room

- Session 2 (11:15-12:30pm) **Cost of Living & Employment Opportunities**
- Session 4 (1:25-2:40pm) **Foster Care & Child Welfare System**
- Session 6 (2:45-4:00pm) **Permanent Housing & Retention**

If you are joining virtually, please exit the current Zoom link and re-enter the breakout Zoom link below (it was mailed out in advance and will be pasted in the chat):

<https://ceo-lacounty-gov.zoom.us/j/81827073924?pwd=eXISTStQeGU4ZEtTdTZIL3pVbHNkdz09>

Meeting ID: 818 2707 3924

Passcode: 965318

# BREAKOUT INSTRUCTIONS-Community Agreements

Be present. Bring all of yourself to the discussion.	Everyone is responsible for this space.
Trust people's lived experiences. Start from a place of belief.	One mic - one voice at a time. Everyone is invited to speak; it is not a requirement.
Tackle problems, not people.	Be curious, open, and respectful - call in not out/throw sunshine not shade.
No one knows everything - together we know a lot.	Give the benefit of the doubt and ask questions.
We take care of ourselves - stretch, drink, stand, use the restroom, etc.	Don't speak for others without explicit permission, don't share something communicated in a private or safe space.
Be aware of time - enough let's move on (ELMO)	Take Space/Make Space - if you are usually quiet challenge yourself to take more space, and if you usually talk a lot be mindful to leave room for quieter voices.
Avoid Jargon, Acronyms, and Industry language - use inclusive language that is accessible for people with varying inside knowledge.	Speak from your own experience - Use I statements rather than generalizations.
Be conscious of intent vs. impact - no matter intention you're responsible for your impact.	Challenge assumptions.

# BREAKOUT INSTRUCTIONS-Community Assumptions

All systems of oppression exist.	We are all here because we want and choose to be here.
We live at intersections, we all benefit and are harmed by systematic oppression.	It is not useful to argue about which system is worse.
All systems are interconnected.	Dismantling systems of oppression benefits everyone.
Confronting social injustice is painful and joyful.	Liberation is possible.
Everyone has a choice in any situation.	Opposing systems of oppression, building alternatives, and cultural change are all necessary.

# WISDOM KEEPERS



Clifton Trotter,  
LAHSA  
Recs 1 through 9



Dr. Va Lecia Adams  
Kellum, St. Joseph's Center  
Recs 10 through 15



Suzette Shaw, Advocate with  
Homeless Lived Experience  
Recs 10 through 15



Pastor Eddie Anderson,  
McCarty Memorial Christian Church  
Recs 16 through 25



Janet Kelly, Sanctuary of Hope  
Recs 26 through 43



Veronica Lewis, HOPICS  
Recs 44 through 57



Dr. Jack Barbour, SCHARP-CA:  
Recs 58 through 67

# SUPPORT TEAM



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# LUNCH





# BREAKOUT SESSIONS





# CLOSING

