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Demonstrating Support for Homeless Count Week 2025

The 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Count) will take place on January 21, 22, and 23, 2025. The Count is a federally mandated point-in-time enumeration of the number of individuals experiencing homelessness across Los Angeles County. Each year, thousands of volunteers, service providers, government officials, and other stakeholders partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to conduct the Count. In 2024, 6,000 volunteers turned out to conduct the Count.

The 2024 Homeless Count yielded encouraging results, revealing a slight decrease in homelessness across Los Angeles County. The Count estimate for total people experiencing homelessness estimate fell by 0.27% from 75,518 in 2023 to 75,312 in 2024. Across the County, including data from the Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach Continuums of Care, unsheltered homelessness decreased by 5.1% while the number of people in shelters rose by 12.7%. These improvements reflect the County’s unified response, focused efforts on unsheltered homelessness, and commitment to data-driven decision-making.

As we prepare for the 2025 Count, the implementation of Measure A provides new opportunities to sustain and expand these achievements. Beginning April 1, 2025, Measure A will generate over \$1 billion annually through a ½ cent sales tax to fund housing and services for families and individuals experiencing homelessness, expand prevention efforts, and increase affordable housing. Accurate and comprehensive Homeless Count data will be essential to evaluate progress toward Measure A’s objectives, including reducing unsheltered homelessness, increasing permanent housing placements, and preventing homelessness. The transparency, oversight, and accountability built into Measure A further emphasizes the importance of reliable data collection.

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Homeless Count data is also critical to help inform the County's efforts to address and prevent homelessness through the emergency declaration on homelessness. To ensure continued progress, it is critical to maintain the momentum and engage in robust participation in the 2025 Count from County departments, employees, and the broader Los Angeles County community.

WE I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Proclaim the week of January 20, 2025, as Homeless Count Week; and
- 2) Direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and County departments to encourage County staff, as well as the broader Los Angeles County community, to volunteer for the 2025 Homeless Count.

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