

The County and City of Los Angeles Coordinated Homelessness Response

The Board of Supervisors voted on April 1, 2025, to move forward with the creation of a new Department to centralize the County’s homelessness funding and programs, including County funding currently administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The Board of Supervisors’ vision is clear: the significant investments made by the County across more than a dozen County Departments and LAHSA must be integrated into one county-wide response coordinated by and consolidated under this Department. This action seeks to align the County’s resources and strengthen the social safety net for our region’s most vulnerable residents, almost seven of whom die on our streets each day.

The City of Los Angeles has expressed their concern about the decision to consolidate County funding, citing the County’s reduced investments in LAHSA as evidence of a devolving relationship. It is incumbent on the County to mitigate these concerns by providing intentional outreach and open communication with the City of Los Angeles, and other jurisdictions in the County, to provide clarity on the County’s vision,

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the establishment of the new Department, clearly defined, agreed-upon roles, and ongoing opportunities for engagement and feedback.

This is an unimaginable crisis that requires immediate action to eliminate red tape, centralize access, coordinate care and treatment, reduce duplicative, bureaucratic processes, and provide people the housing and support they need.

Given the urgent threat posed by the homelessness crisis, and the multiplying impact that impaired relationships have on progress, it is necessary that the County and the City of Los Angeles create new channels of direct, effective communication informed by a clearly defined delineation of responsibilities that allow for a new era of partnership.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), to:

1. Request a series of meetings with the City of Los Angeles' Chief Administrative Officer on areas of mutual interest related to the establishment of the new County department. Topics should include an overview of roles and responsibilities of the new department; timeline and steps to establish the new department; City input on the new department and a process for an ongoing communication and feedback; opportunities for increased collaboration between the City and the County on outreach coordination, interim and permanent housing development and operations, and data sharing and reporting on outcomes; identification of any potential unintended adverse impacts to the City resulting from the establishment of the new department and solutions to prevent or mitigate; and an exploration of the City contracting directly with the County to provide services.

2. Work with the City Administrative Officer to include input from the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council and
3. Submit a written report to the Board of Supervisors by September 30, 2025.

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