

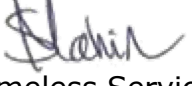


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**COUNTY AND CITY OF LOS ANGELES COORDINATED HOMELESS RESPONSE
(ITEM NO. 19, AGENDA OF JUNE 3, 2025)**

On June 3, 2025, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a motion directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to request a series of meetings with the City of Los Angeles (City) Chief Administrative Office (CAO), Los Angeles Housing Department, and the Chief Legislative Analyst on areas of mutual interest related to the establishment of the new County department. The Board also directed the CEO to work with the CAO to include input from the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council, and to submit a written report to the Board. This memorandum provides the requested report back.

The County and City began meeting on a bi-weekly basis in July 2025 and continue to meet with this or greater frequency. These meetings have provided an important and fruitful opportunity for both jurisdictions to share information and provide feedback on matters relevant to the establishment of the County Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH). In addition, the parties have used these meetings as a venue within which to touch base on a variety of other homelessness-related issues that impact both jurisdictions and require ongoing collaboration.



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The list below provides a non-exhaustive overview of topics covered in the City-County meetings directed by the Board:

- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) operations
- State Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention funding-related issues
- LAHSA Contract Execution
- Board and/or City Council actions related to homelessness and/or HSH
- Draft overview of County funding shifts from LAHSA to HSH
- Measure A Spending Plan development
- Service Provider feedback
- Finalized overview of County funding shifts from LAHSA to HSH

In October, the County team finalized decisions regarding which funding currently supporting LAHSA programming will transition to HSH in fiscal year 2026-2027. These decisions came after a several months-long assessment process, which included extensive engagement with LAHSA and review of LAHSA documentation to determine any potential unintended consequences stemming from these shifts in County funding, including unintended impacts on the City. Based on this assessment, County staff concluded that all funds currently supporting LAHSA programming should transition to HSH, with the exception of funding supporting LAHSA's core Continuum of Care functions, such as the administration of the Homeless Management Information System and the annual Point-in-Time Homeless Count. As noted above, the County shared this conclusion with the City during one of the bi-weekly meetings.

As the County now shifts focus to the logistics of the transition of funding from LAHSA to HSH, a working group of County and City staff have been meeting to identify additional information needed to carry out a smooth transition to minimize potential impact on participants and service providers and to coordinate on operationalizing the funding shifts. County and City funds are braided in many contracts that LAHSA administers, and in LAHSA's direct programming work. As a part of the transition, these funds will need to be unbraided, which will require close collaboration between the City, LAHSA, and the County.

In addition to supporting the transition process needed to prepare for the establishment of HSH, the bi-weekly City-County meetings have provided an important opportunity to align around one of the highest priorities for both jurisdictions – addressing the region's homelessness crisis. Although the City and County have always collaborated on this and many other issues, these regular meetings create further opportunities for dialogue and shared understanding. The bi-weekly meetings and associated workgroup meetings will continue throughout the year.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, Senior Manager, Housing Strategy and Solutions at (213) 974-2487 or eben-ishai@hsh.lacounty.gov.

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