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Responding to President Trump’s Executive Order on Homelessness

On July 24, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled “*Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets*”¹. The EO directs policy changes to make it easier for states and cities to remove encampments and push people into mental health or addiction treatment, including involuntary civil commitment. The EO also seeks to remove federal funding from long-standing, evidence-based policies intended to move people indoors first and then seek services and programs to treat addiction. Instead, the EO prioritizes investments in programs that require sobriety and treatment, and for jurisdictions that enforce homeless camping bans and forcibly remove people from the streets.

The order has the potential to have significant impacts on the four Continuums of Care (CoCs) that operate within Los Angeles County, receiving nearly \$240 million in federal funding annually, as well as the County’s health departments which provide physical and behavioral health care for people who are experiencing homelessness.

¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/07/ending-crime-and-disorder-on-americas-streets/>
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Los Angeles County has long operated under the Housing First model, an evidence-based approach that acknowledges housing as a primary factor in addressing health. Unfortunately, President Trump's executive order seeks to shift federal funding away from jurisdictions utilizing Housing First policies. The County also supports addiction treatment programs that prioritize individual well-being as a part of the recovery process. Utilizing approaches the Federal Administration now alleges to be ineffective, from July 1, 2017 through September 30, 2024, the County has placed 125,056 people into permanent housing, with an additional 165,008 placements into interim housing. It has done so by successfully braiding federal, State, and local dollars to implement practices that have been proven to get people off the streets and into safe, dignified permanent housing.

This Executive Order will strain the County's limited resources to end homelessness and could lead to a zero-sum game across jurisdictions seeking to gain federal funding by denouncing County policy. The Order may also drive more people into homelessness by jeopardizing funding for existing permanent housing programs. With significant pressures on the County's homelessness and health budgets, it is imperative that the County study the impacts of this Executive Order to keep people permanently housed and support our most vulnerable neighbors.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Homeless Services and Housing in partnership with County Counsel, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative and Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations division, the Los Angeles County Development Authority, the Departments of Health Services, Public Health, and Mental Health, and other relevant departments to report back in writing in 30 days on expected impacts from the President's Executive Order Titled "*Ending Crime And Disorder On America's Streets*" including but not limited to:

1. Analysis of judicial precedents or consent decrees that may be overturned as a part of this Executive Order and the impact of those reversals on the County and its homelessness and behavioral health initiatives,
2. Misalignment between the Executive Order and existing County policy on addressing homelessness and behavioral health,
3. Impact of this Executive Order on federal funding for homeless and behavioral health services in the County, including specific programs and sites that may be affected.

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