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Proclaiming the 2026 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

The 2026 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count (Count) will take place on January 20, 21, and 22, 2026. 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 (LAHSA) to conduct the Count. In 2025, over 6,000 volunteers turned out to count our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

The number of people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County has only recently begun to decrease but remains unacceptably high. The 2025 Count revealed an estimated 72,308 people are experiencing homelessness within Los Angeles County, a 4% reduction from the previous year. The purpose and benefits of conducting the Count go far beyond meeting the federal requirement. The data gathered informs efforts to combat homelessness across Los Angeles County. Last year, the Count illuminated the positive impacts of new policies on the population experiencing and at-risk of homelessness, such as regional encampment resolution efforts. This year, Count data also helped stakeholders understand demographic trends

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in the population, allowing our system to make key investments and coordinate a targeted response.

Although the Count is a point-in-time snapshot of the population and the system is looking to Key Performance Indicators and other metrics to show its progress, the Count data can still help inform the County's efforts to address and prevent homelessness. We must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim the week of January 19, 2026, as Homeless Count Week 2026; and
2. Direct the Acting Chief Executive Officer to work with the Chief Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and every County Department to ensure support for the 2026 Homeless Count and encourage staff to volunteer.

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