

HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING AGENDA

DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, MEETING PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NEED TO CALL INTO THE MEETING.

Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023
Time: 2:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
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Agenda Item	Lead
I. Welcome and Introductions	Ivan Sulic, Fourth District
II. Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness	Helene Schneider, USICH
III. LACDA Emergency Housing Vouchers update	Aletheia Broom, LACDA
IV. Homeless Count 2023 update	Emily Vaughn Henry, LAHSA
V. Items Recommended for Future Discussion	
VI. Public Comment	

Next Meeting: January 26, 2022

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness





How We Got Here...

- **80+** listening sessions
- **1,500** public comments, including **500** from people with lived experiences of homelessness
- Input from **expert key informants** who reviewed with a lens for: **racial equity, lived experience, tribal, and LGBTQI+**
- **Nearly 2,000** comments from our 19 member agencies



What We Heard: Biggest Challenges

Lack of Housing Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Severe shortage of safe, affordable, and accessible housing• NIMBY movement• Impact of climate change
Rising Rent Amid Slow Income Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slow wage growth for lowest-paid workers• 70% of lowest-wage households spend more than ½ income on rent• Disproportionate impact of housing unaffordability• Non-employment income cannot keep up with rental costs
Inadequate Access to Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited availability of culturally appropriate, accessible supportive services• Fragmented systems• Disproportionate outcomes for people of color and other historically marginalized groups
Unsheltered Homelessness Rising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited alternatives to unsheltered homelessness• Shelters at capacity, or high-barrier and not culturally appropriate
Criminalization of Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harmful public narratives• “Out of sight, out of mind” policies ineffective & create more trauma
Fatigue and Trauma Among Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strained capacity• High-turnover



What We Heard: Greatest Opportunities

Unprecedented Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Rescue Plan• CARES Act• FY2023 President's Budget Request
Demonstrated Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Supply Action Plan• National Mental Health Strategy• National Drug Control Strategy• Executive Orders
Lessons Learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-Congregate Shelter• Emergency Rental Assistance• Eviction Moratoriums• Direct Cash Transfers
Focus on Racial Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biden-Harris Administration Equity-Focused Executive Orders• Opportunity for greater accountability & more equitable outcomes
Unwavering Dedication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passionate and compassionate providers• Continued perseverance



UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

ALL IN:

The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

DECEMBER 2022



All In: Vision For the Future

This plan is built upon our vision of a nation in which **no one** experiences the tragedy and indignity of homelessness, and **everyone** has a safe, stable, accessible, and affordable home.

GOAL: Reduce homelessness 25% by 2025



Key Populations and Geographic Areas

This plan recognizes that the needs of people experiencing homelessness vary based on factors like age, location, disability, race and ethnicity; and it acknowledges that tailored guidance will be needed for key populations and geographic areas. For the purposes of this plan, this includes:

Racial/Ethnic Groups ("People of Color")

- American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Asian/Asian Americans
- Black/African Americans
- Hispanics/Latinos
- Multiracial people
- Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders

Marginalized Groups

- Child welfare-involved families and youth
- Immigrants, refugees, and asylees
- LGBTQI+ people
- People with chronic health conditions and co-occurring disorders
- People with current or past criminal justice system involvement
- People with disabilities
- People with HIV
- People with mental health conditions
- People with substance use disorders
- Pregnant and parenting youth
- Survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and human trafficking

Subpopulations

- Children (younger than 12)
- Youth (age 12-17)
- Young adults (age 18-25)
- Families with minor children
- Older adults (age 55 and older)
- Single adults (age 25 to 55)
- Veterans

Geographic Areas

- Remote
- Rural
- Suburban
- Territory
- Tribal land/Reservation
- Urban





Foundation Pillars

Lead With Equity	Use Data and Evidence	Collaborate at All Levels
Pursue equitable outcomes	Increase federal government capacity	Promote collaborative leadership
Promote inclusive decision-making	Increase local and state capacity	Improve information sharing
Authentic collaboration	Create opportunity for innovation	
Increase access to AI/AN	Build research and evidence base	
Change policies and practices		



Solutions Pillars

Scale Up Housing and Supports	Improved Homelessness Response	Prevent Homelessness
Maximize federal housing assistance	Government wide effort on unsheltered homelessness	Increase access to employment, education, mainstream opportunity
Increase supply of affordable housing	Improve coordinated entry	Reduce housing instability for those existing institutions
Increase supply of PSH	Increase availability of low-barrier shelter	Reduce housing instability for older adults and people with disabilities
Improve effectiveness of RRH	Improve coordination with public health and disaster management	Reduce housing instability for transitioning service members
Support enforcement of Fair Housing	Expand use of housing problem-solving	Reduce housing instability for AI/AN
Better serve needs of people with disabilities	Remove/reduce programmatic barriers	Reduce housing instability for youth and young adults
Expand availability of voluntary and trauma-informed supports		Reduce housing instability for survivors



How USICH Will Implement *All In*

- Develop **implementation plans** with specific actions, milestones, and metrics
- **Partner with and solicit feedback** from people who have experienced homelessness and other stakeholders
- Publish **annual performance management plan**
- **Update plan annually** to reflect evolving metrics, input, and lessons



How USICH Will Measure Progress

- Overall size of homeless population
- People (including subpopulations) experiencing **sheltered and unsheltered** homelessness
- **Racial disparities** in homelessness
- **Children and youth** experiencing homelessness during school year
- **Length of time** of homeless
- **Returns to homelessness** within 6 to 12 months and within 2 years
- People who become **homeless for the first time**
- Placement in and retention of **housing from street outreach**



How *All In* Can Be Used Locally

- Develop **local and systems-level plans**
- Set **state and local goals** to reduce homelessness by 2025
- **Educate** partners on the causes of homelessness, challenges, and opportunities
- Hold the federal government **accountable**
- **Learn** about federal programs, existing federal actions, and new federal strategies

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Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program

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Background:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan, which appropriated \$5 billion for approximately 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated 1,964 EHVs to the LACDA and the program has been implemented commencing on July 1, 2021.

Emergency Housing Voucher Program

Target Populations

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program provides targeted rental assistance to vulnerable populations who are:

1. Homeless
2. At risk of homelessness
3. Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking
4. Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the return to homelessness and housing instability

Emergency Housing Voucher Program Continued

The EHV program is a tenant-based rental assistance program to assist qualifying families through direct referrals from the Coordinated Entry System (CES), in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed between the LACDA and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The LACDA accepts all referrals regardless of target population or current housing status and does not prioritize one category over another.

Mirroring the Housing Choice Voucher program, tenants who qualify for EHV rental assistance are required to pay 30-40% of their income towards rent when they first lease a unit with the voucher.

EHV Program

LACDA's Responsibilities

- Accept direct referrals from LAHSA for eligible individuals and families through the CES
- Determine program eligibility based on HUD's prescribed qualifying criteria
- Provide monetary incentives to participating property owners:
 - \$2500 signing bonus
 - Up to \$5000 reimbursement for repairs needed to pass the Housing Quality Standards inspection
- Once housing is secured, issue monthly housing assistance payments to property owners
- Expanded housing opportunities through interagency agreements with the Housing Authorities of the City of Los Angeles, the City of Pasadena, the City of Norwalk, the City of Glendale, and the City of Redondo Beach

EHVs Countywide

There were 6,805 EHVs accepted by Public Housing Agencies in Los Angeles County, with 5,903 EHVs within the Los Angeles City and County Continuum of Care:

HACLA	3295	Burbank	67
LACDA	1964	Hawthorne	66
Long Beach	570	Compton	53
Glendale	225	Norwalk	46
Pasadena	107	Baldwin Park	43
Santa Monica	104	South Gate	34
Inglewood	91	Torrance	33
Pomona	78	Redondo Beach	29

*Source: LAHSA, June 24, 2021- EHV Referral Training

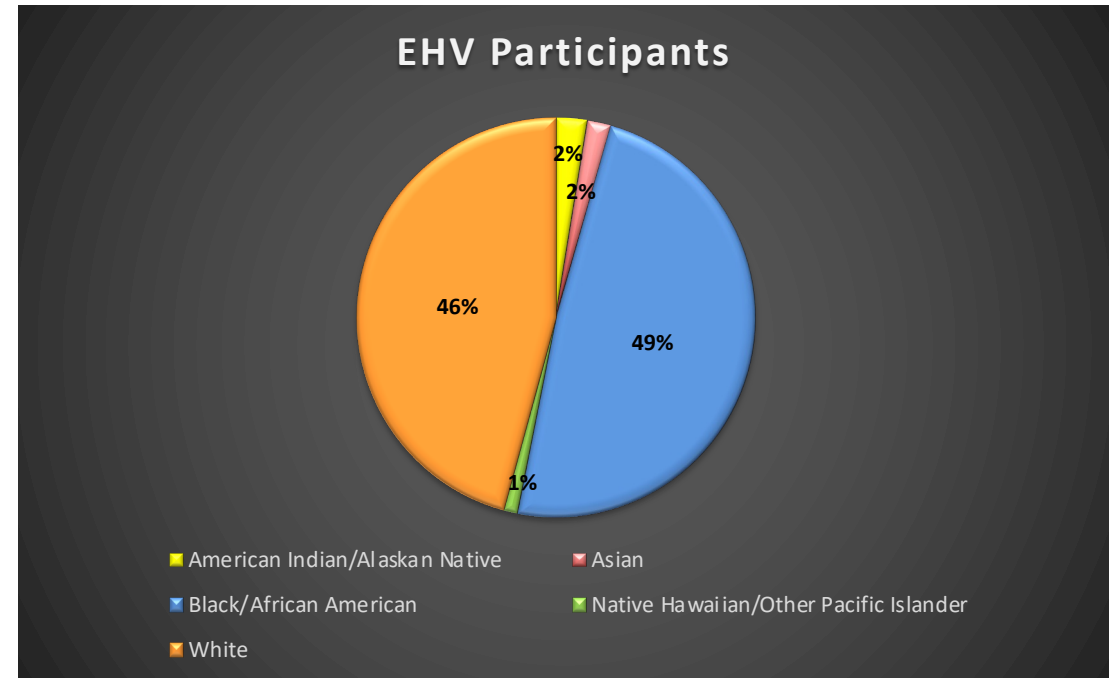
EHV LACDA Program Updates

LACDA'S EHV PROGRAM	
Activity	
Referrals/Applications Received	5931
Applications in Process	141
Vouchers Issued	2642
Located Units (Request for Tenancy Approval Received)	569
Leased/Housed	1726

[Data as of January 9, 2023]

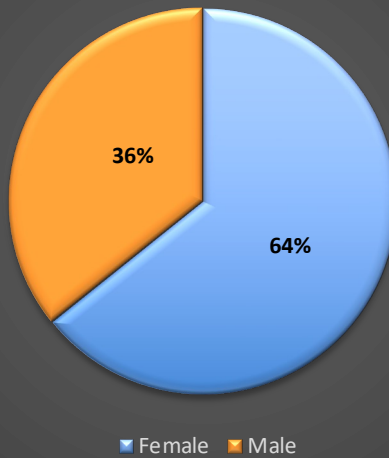
Current/Leased EHV Participants Demographics

Black/African American	49%
White/Hispanic or Latino*	29%
White/Non-Hispanic	17%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%
Asian	2%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1%
* Hispanic or Latino of any race	34%

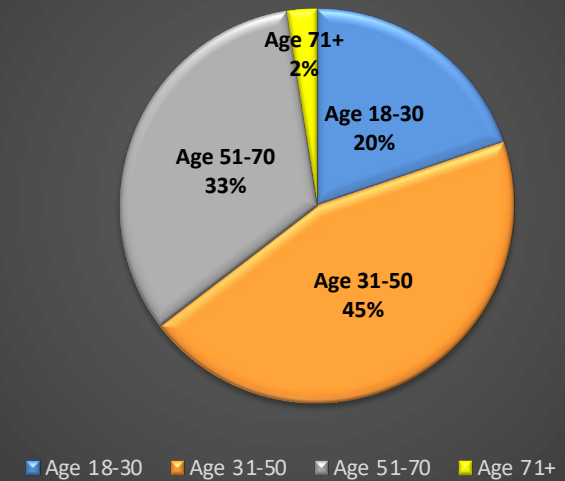


Current/Leased EHV Participants Demographics Continued

Gender



Age



EHV Program Success

KEYS TO RETAINING HOUSING:

- While the program does not provide funding for supportive services, the client must remain connected to the Community-Based Organization that referred the client.
- [requesting input]

PROGRAM GAPS:

- As with all housing programs, there continues to be a lack of available units where the property owner is willing to participate in the program. Voucher holders in multiple housing programs compete for the same units.
- [requesting input]



Thank You!

Comments? Questions?

Homeless Deputies Meeting



LAHSA

2023 Homeless Count Overview

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

Emily Vaughn Henry – Deputy CIO

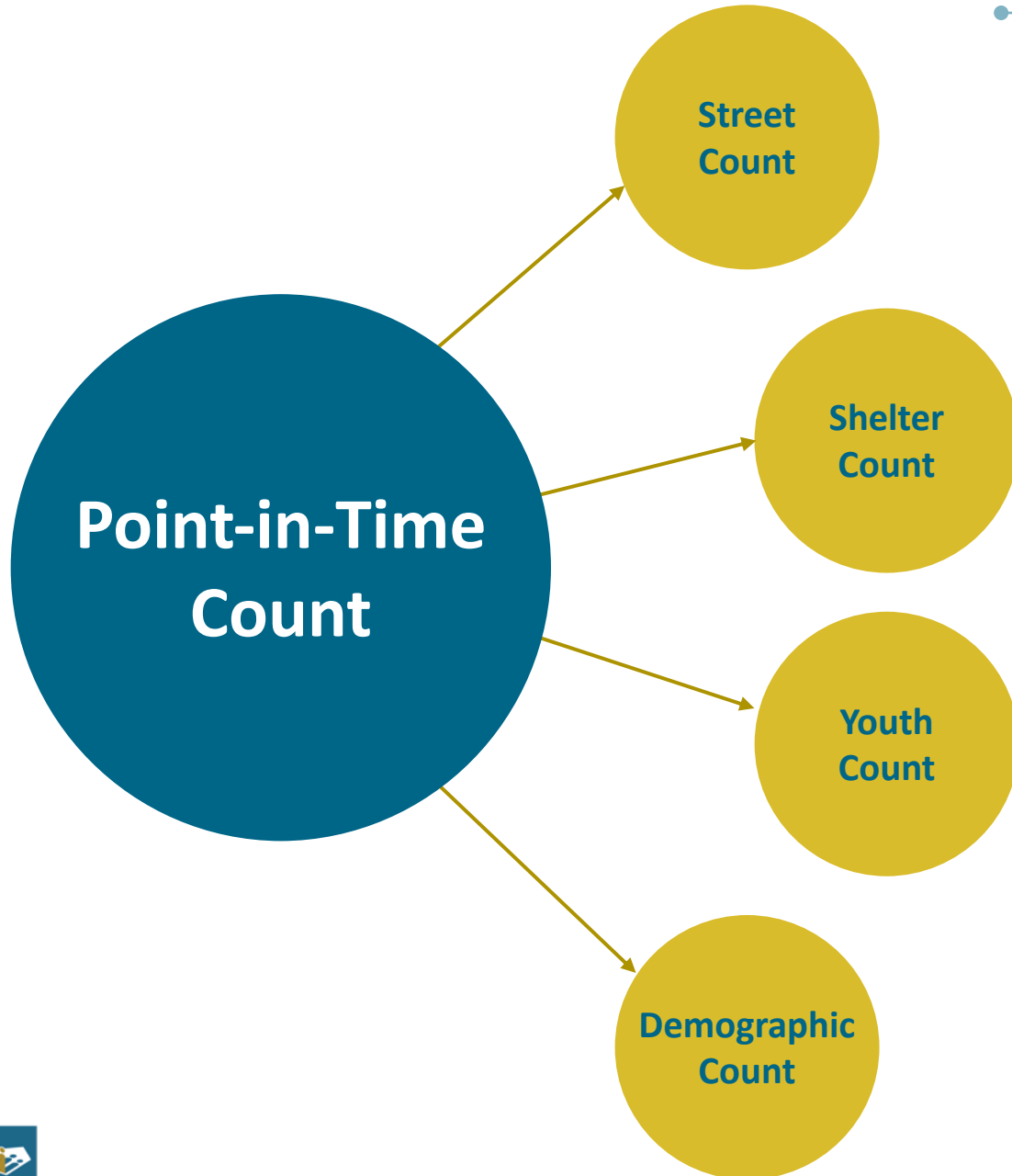
Clementina Verjan - Homeless Count Senior Advisor

January 12th, 2023



We Are All In This Together!





Why we count

Behind these numbers are our **NEIGHBORS**.

We use this information locally to inform policies and strategies to end homelessness, and L.A.'s data contributes to the California and national understanding of homelessness.

Purpose and data uses:

- Federally mandated Point in Time Count
- Largest census of people experiencing homelessness in the nation
- HUD approved methodology
- USC Statistical & Demographic Consultant

HOMELESS COUNT DATES

Tuesday, January 24

SPA 2 San Fernando Valley/Santa
Clarita Valley

SPA 3 San Gabriel Valley

Wednesday, January 25

SPA 5 West Los Angeles

SPA 7 East Los Angeles

SPA 8 South Bay/Harbor

Thursday, January 26

SPA 1 Antelope Valley*

SPA 4 Metro Los Angeles

SPA 6 South Los Angeles

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- **New app**
- **Mapping with Tally Sheet as Contingency Plan and Data Validation Support Shelter Count/Housing Inventory Count**
- **Exploring ways to bring in more support as well as incentives for encouraging Non-HMIS Participation in Youth Count**
- **Blitz day for every SPA on a different day within the 10 days of YC**
- **Encourage more support from LA County Youth Focused Departments in Demographic Surveying**
- **Comprehensive mapping/planning tool for surveyor deployment/tracking progress**
- **Assigning designated project assistant to train and oversee surveying at Family Service Centers, Safe Parking Sites, and Youth Survey Sites**
- **Piloting phone survey option for select sites/providers**

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT SUPPORT

- **Social Media Toolkit Available**
- **Homeless Count Website**
www.TheyCountWillYou.org





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Questions?

**HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES
MEETING SUMMARY
DECEMBER 8, 2022 VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL**

DEPUTIES IN ATTENDANCE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniela Gracian, First District • Isela Gracian, Second District • Lily Sofiani, Second District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachael Simon, Third District • Tanya Ortiz, Third District • Ivan Sulic, Fourth District • Tyler Cash, Fifth District
ITEMS/PRESENTERS	ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS
I. Welcome and Introductions - Ivan Sulic, Fourth District	N/A
II. FY 2023-24 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations Board Letter – Cheri Todoroff, CEO-HI	No additional follow-up.
III. Items Recommended for Future Discussion	Federal Plan to Prevent and Address Homelessness, Lease Up, LACDA EHV's,
IV. Public Comment	N/A
V. Next Meeting	January 12, 2023