



MEASURE H

Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 493, Los Angeles, California 90012
<https://homeless.lacounty.gov/oversight/>

MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, September 5, 2024

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W Temple St., Room 140-A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

1st District Appointee
Brian Tabatabai

2nd District Appointee
Amelia Williamson

3rd District Appointee
Abby J. Leibman

4th District Appointee
Andrew Kerr

5th District Appointee
Jody Schulz

**Executive Director,
Homeless Initiative and
Affordable Housing**
Cheri Todoroff

Advisory Board Liaison
Danielle Zapata

For members of the public who wish to join virtually or over the phone, please see below:

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- I. Welcome & Introductions**
- II. Approval of Minutes for the June 6, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**
- III. General Public Comment**
- IV. 2024 Homeless Count** – Darick Blackshere, Manager, Community Relations, Government Affairs Department, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
- V. FY 2025-26 Funding Recommendations Timeline** – Cheri Todoroff, Executive Director, CEO-Homeless Initiative
- VI. Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment** – Cheri Todoroff, Executive Director, CEO-Homeless Initiative
- VII. Adjournment**

If any person intends to submit documentation to the Advisory Board for its consideration prior to the meeting, such documentation shall be submitted via email to: MeasureHOversight@lacounty.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled meeting.

“Combatting homelessness together”

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 1:00 pm

**Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 2024**

ATTENDEES

Advisory Board: Chair Amelia Williamson
Board Member Brian Tabataba
Board Member Abby J. Leibman
Board Member Andrew Kerr
Board Member Jody Schulz (remote, left at 3:43pm)

County Staff: Cheri Todoroff, Executive Director, Chief Executive Office-
Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI)
Carter Hewgley, Senior Manager, CEO-HI
Onnie Williams III, CEO-HI
Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, CEO-HI
William Nicholas, PhD, MPH, Director, Center for Health
Impact Evaluation Los Angeles County Department of Public
Health
Noro Zurabyan, Los Angeles County Counsel

I. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

Chair Williamson introduced and welcomed new Board Member Abby J. Leibman, appointed by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath of Supervisorial District 3.

II. Approval of Minutes for the March 7, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

No public comment was given.

Moved by Board Member Tabataba, seconded by Board Member Schulz, the motion carried with one abstention by Board Member Leibman.

III. General Public Comment

No public comment was given.

IV. Encampment Resolution Fund Program Update

Onnie Williams III of the CEO-HI provided a presentation on the state's Encampment Resolution Fund Round 3 award of which the County will receive almost \$52M to leverage with existing local funding to expand the Pathway Home program.

Discussion and clarifying questions ensued from Board Members Kerr, Leibman and Schulz regarding metrics and data around those returning to unsheltered homelessness, engaging with stakeholders surrounding encampments and partnering with them to secure interim housing for encampment resolution efforts.

No public comment was given.

Chair Williamson called for a recess at 1:40pm.

Chair Williamson recalled the meeting to order at 1:52pm.

V. Mortality Rate and Causes of Death Among People Experiencing Homelessness in Los Angeles County

Dr. William Nicholas, Director of the Center for Health Impact Evaluation, Department of Public Health provided a presentation on the mortality rate and causes of death among people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County for the year 2022. Dr. Nicholas' presentation also included recommendations on how to reduce the mortality rate.

Discussion ensued by Board Members Kerr, Schulz, Leibman, Tabatabai and Chair Williamson regarding harm reduction strategies and best practices, death rates related to substance use, encampments and environmental factors and their potential contribution to higher mortality rates, strategies on how to better communicate the narrative around equity and disparities in the demographics around mental health and substance use, and overall improvements in how this data is disseminated to faith-based partners and other stakeholders.

Public comment was given by Reba Stevens of the SPA 6 Coalition related to harm reduction and equity.

VI. Housing Acquisition Update

Elizabeth Ben-Ishai of CEO-HI provided a presentation on the County's efforts related to unit acquisition. Sophia Rice and Perlita Carrillo of Brilliant Corners expanded on unit acquisition to include strategies related to the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool model.

Finally, Thomas Wong of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) provided a presentation on LAHSA's centralized unit acquisition strategy and its benefits.

Discussion ensued from Board Members Tabatabai, Kerr, Schulz, and Chair Williamson regarding housing matching and those outside of the homeless services system competing for housing availability, investing in a broader population of subsidy holders outside of permanent supportive housing, LAHSA's ability to track all costs associated with unit acquisition in order to be fiscally responsible, and coordination with the Department of Mental Health.

Public comment was provided by community member Aliya Y around equity of housing placements.

Public comment was provided by community member Yuri regarding rent subsidy programs and restrictions around affordable housing.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Williamson adjourned the meeting at 3:47pm.

Minutes submitted by: Norma Benecia Lobatos

Minutes approved by: Danielle Zapata

Next meeting will be held on Thursday December 5, 2023.



LAHSA

2024

Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count –

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY



September 5, 2024

LAHSA performs the largest annual PIT Count in the United States as required by HUD for Continuums of Care (CoC) nationwide.

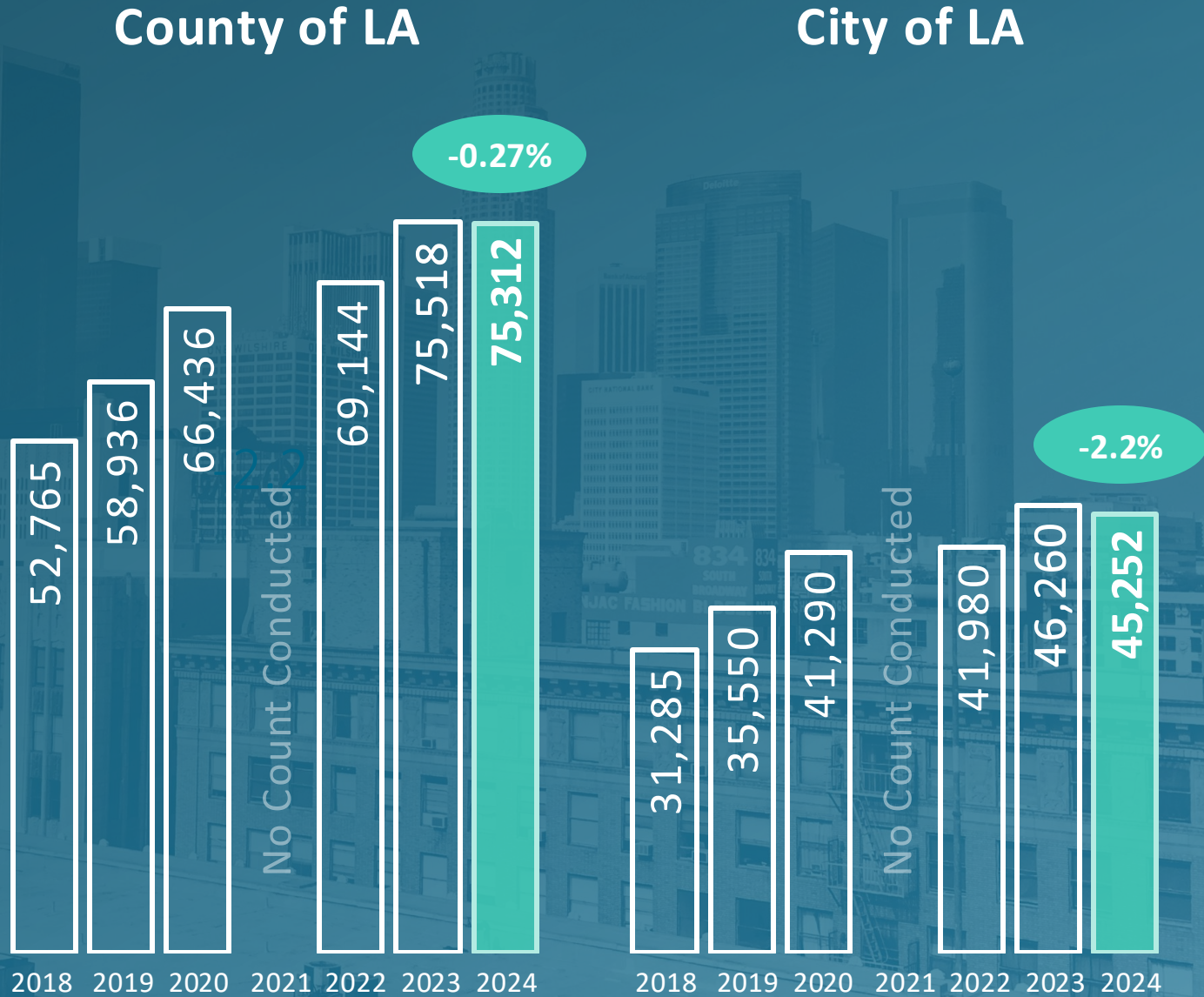
LAHSA's data is then reviewed and validated by HUD.

- The process is designed in partnership with data experts at USC with guidance from HUD to create an accurate census of unhoused people living in the Los Angeles CoC.
- The count is an imprecise estimate. It includes both specific numbers like shelter bed counts, along with estimates, observations, and statistical sampling.



USC

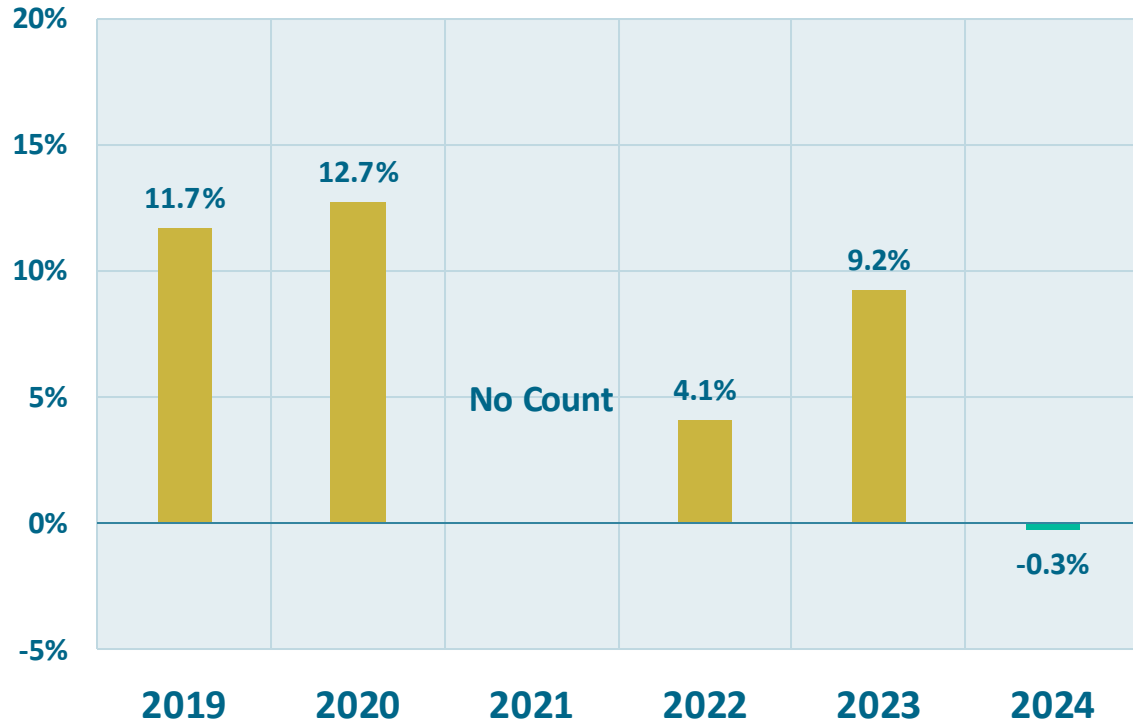
This year, LA region's point-in-time estimate declined slightly – down **0.27% in LA County** and down **2.2% in the City of LA.**



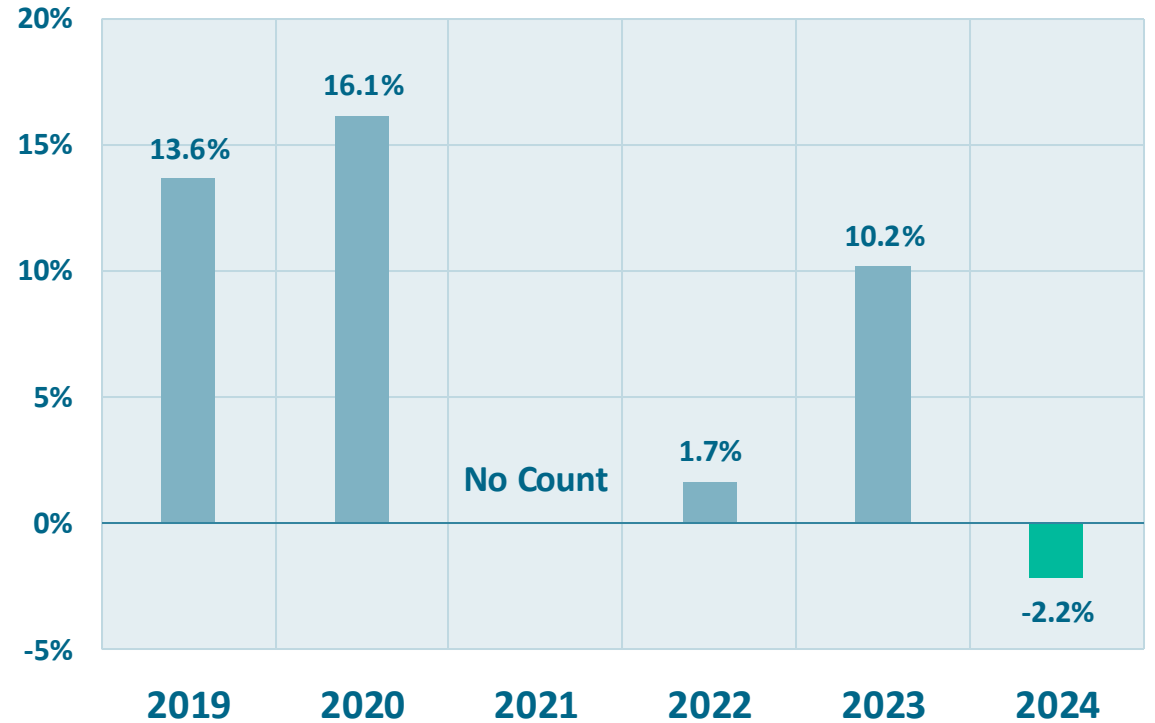
Note: The 2023 Homeless Count was conducted on January 23 – 25, 2024.

Our unified response to unsheltered homelessness is contributing to meaningful change.

Percentage Change of People Experiencing Homelessness in County of LA

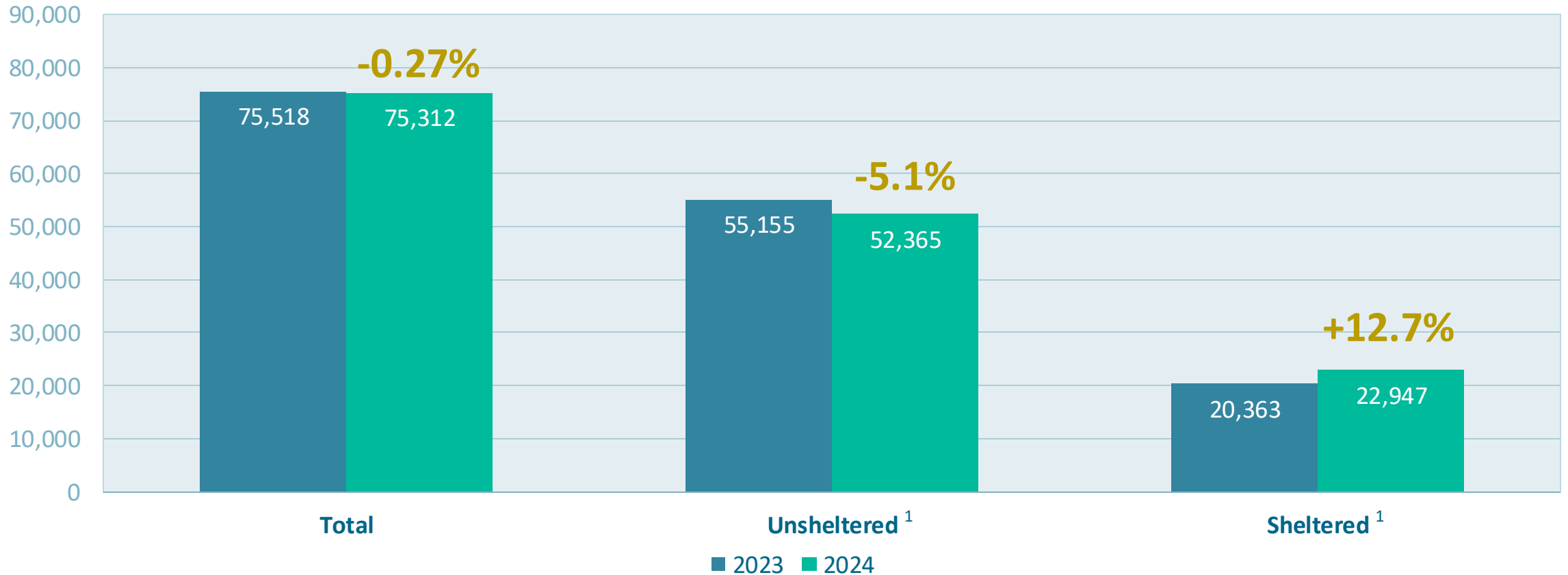


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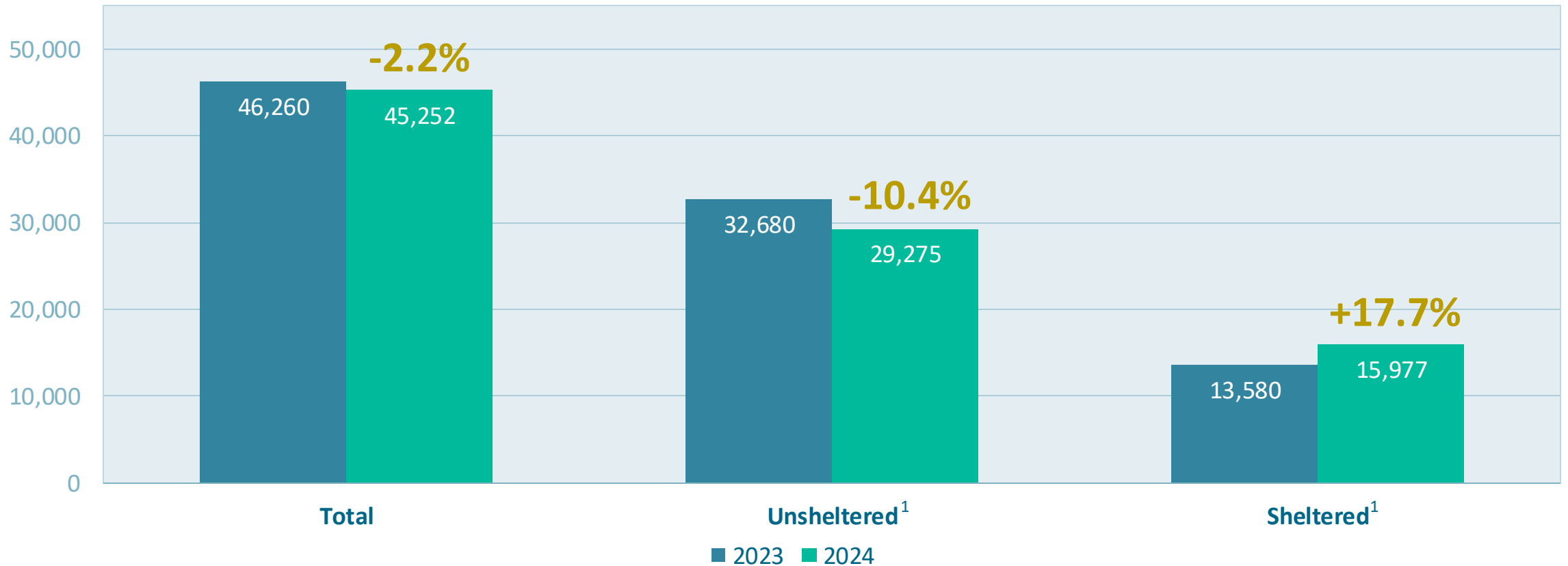
Across the County*, unsheltered homelessness dropped by 5.1%, while the number of people in shelter rose by 12.7%.



*Including data from Glendale CoC, Pasadena Coc, and Long Beach CoC.

¹ Unsheltered numbers are an estimate, while Sheltered numbers have been counted.

In the City of LA, unsheltered homelessness dropped by 10.4%, while the number of people in shelter rose by 17.7%.



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Service Planning Areas (SPAs) Estimates

SPA	2023			2024			Unsheltered Change	Sheltered Change	Total Change
	Unsheltered People	Sheltered People	Total People	Unsheltered People	Sheltered People	Total People			
SPA 1 Antelope Valley	3,833	853	4,686	5,538	1,134	6,672	1,705	281	1,986
SPA 2 San Fernando Valley	8,064	2,379	10,443	6,997	3,704	10,701	-1,067	1,325	258
SPA 3 San Gabriel Valley	3,458	1,551	5,009	3,630	1,213	4,843	172	-338	-166
SPA 4 Metro	12,846	5,685	18,531	12,185	6,204	18,389	-661	519	-142
SPA 5 West	5,235	1,434	6,669	4,143	1,240	5,383	-1,092	-194	-1,286
SPA 6 South	8,431	4,564	12,995	8,682	5,204	13,886	251	640	891
SPA 7 East	5,070	1,441	6,511	4,342	1,557	5,899	-728	116	-612
SPA 8 South Bay	5,370	1,106	6,476	3,992	1,436	5,428	-1,378	330	-1,048

SPA 1
Antelope Valley

SPA 3
San Gabriel Valley

SPA 7
East

¹ SPA 2 excludes data from Glendale CoC

² SPA 3 excludes data from Pasadena CoCs

³ SPA 8 excludes data from Long Beach CoC

The effects of the encampment resolutions led to a decrease in makeshift shelters.

Dwelling Types	2023	2024	% Change
Cars	3,918	3,709	-5.33%
Vans	3,364	2,986	-11.24%
RVs	6,814	6,854	0.59%
Tents	4,293	4,232	-1.42%
Makeshift shelters	5,049	3,507	-30.54%
Total	23,438	21,288	-9.17%





This year's homeless count numbers suggest that our unprecedented coordinated emergency response is making a difference.

Gender

Among people experiencing homelessness in LA CoC*

Most people experiencing homelessness identify as men.

Gender	2024
Woman (or girl, if child)	23,804
Man (or boy, if child)	47,113
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g. Two-Spirit)	36
Transgender	1,318
Non-Binary	215
Questioning	50
Different Identity	48

Health & Disability	2024	Prevalence in 18+ Homeless Pop. (%)
Substance Use Disorder	17,248	27%
HIV/AIDS	1,263	2%
Serious Mental Illness	15,666	24%
Developmental Disability	4,820	7%
Physical Disability	14,162	22%

24% of Adults experiencing homelessness Self reported experiencing **Serious Mental Illness***



*Excluding data from Glendale CoC, Pasadena Coc, and Long Beach CoC.

There are **29,823** people experiencing chronic homelessness in 2024.

42% of the total number of people experiencing homelessness are experiencing chronic homelessness according to the **2024 Los Angeles Continuum of Care Homeless Count**.



43%* of people experiencing homelessness also reported being a victim of domestic violence.

LAHSA's Key Performance Indicators show people are moving through our rehousing system faster.

From 2022-2023, year over year, LA County increased street to interim housing placements through outreach by almost 50%.

Additionally, in the same timeframe, the number of people moving from interim housing to permanent housing increased by 25%.



From Street to IH

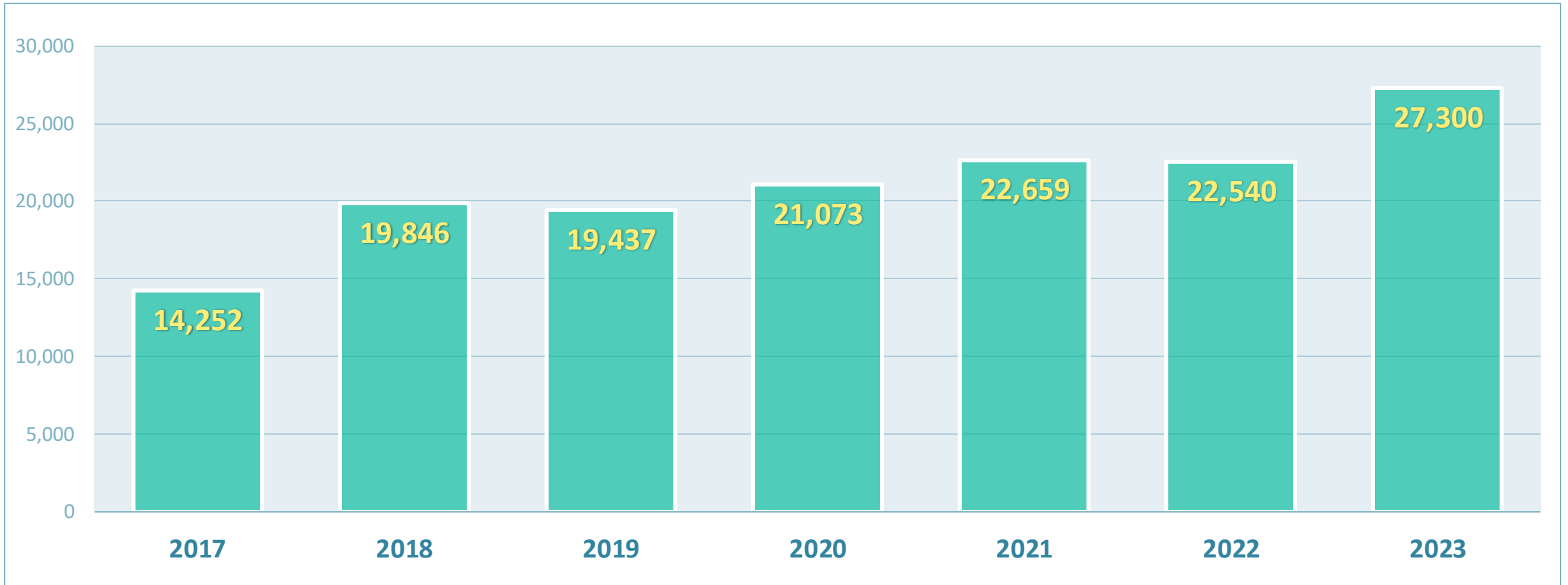
+47%



From IH to PH

+25%

In 2023, the rehousing system recorded an all-time high number of permanent housing placements.*



*Note: Data provided courtesy of County Information Office. It is possible for one person to have multiple permanent housing placements in a year.

The data continues to show that historic exclusionary racist policies still result in a disproportionate amount of black people experiencing homelessness.

Latinos remain the largest ethnic group experiencing homelessness.

Race / Ethnicity	Homeless Pop. single race category only	Percent of Total
American Indian, Alaskan Native, or Indigenous	2,369	3%
Asian or Asian American	1,477	2%
Black, African American, or African	23,362	33%
Hispanic/Latino/a/e alone	30,948	43%
Middle Eastern or North African	157	0%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	574	1%
White	22,129	31%

*Respondents can select Hispanic/Latino/a/e alone or in combination with another category, so the total adds up to more than 100%.



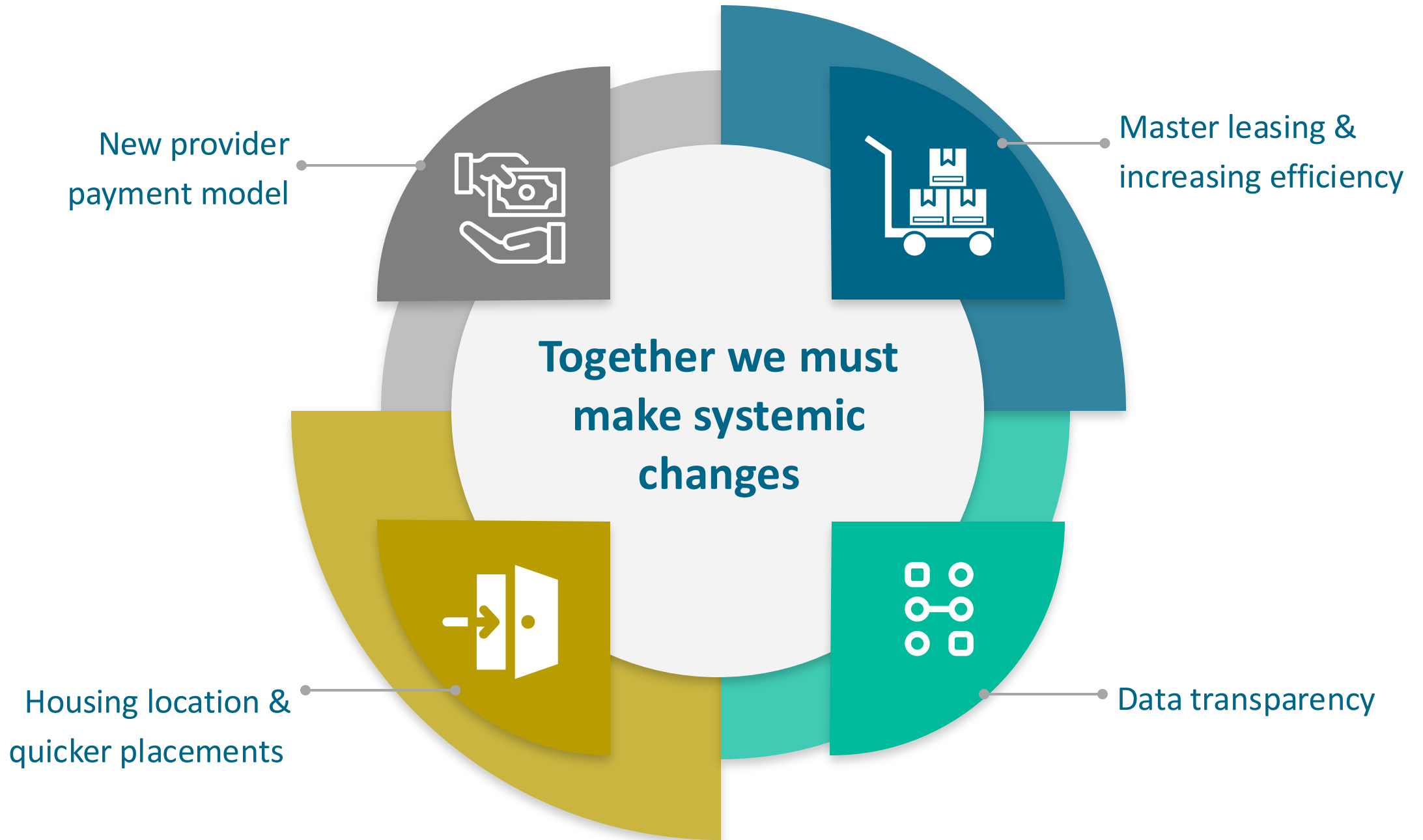
54%

54% of newly homeless unsheltered persons reported that economic hardship as a reason for falling into homelessness.*

Percent of newly homeless population
(First Time (<=1 yr.)

Economic hardship	54%
Weakened social network	38%
Disabling health condition	17%
System discharge	14%
Violence	4%
Other	10%

*Respondents can report more than one reason for homelessness, so the totals can add up to more than 100%. Also, data is self-reported.



What's different about this moment?

- Los Angeles has a coordinated path forward.
- LA area stakeholders , including providers, are coordinating.
- City and County of LA remain in a state of emergency.
- The State of California has financially supported encampment resolution efforts and enacted AB 977.
- The Biden/Harris Administration is supporting through ALL-Inside and HUD's focus on encampment resolution.

This level of alignment to address unsheltered homelessness is unprecedented.



September 5, 2024

Homeless Initiative

Funding Recommendations FY 2025-26:
Overview + Timeline

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Funding Recommendations FY 2025-26: Overview

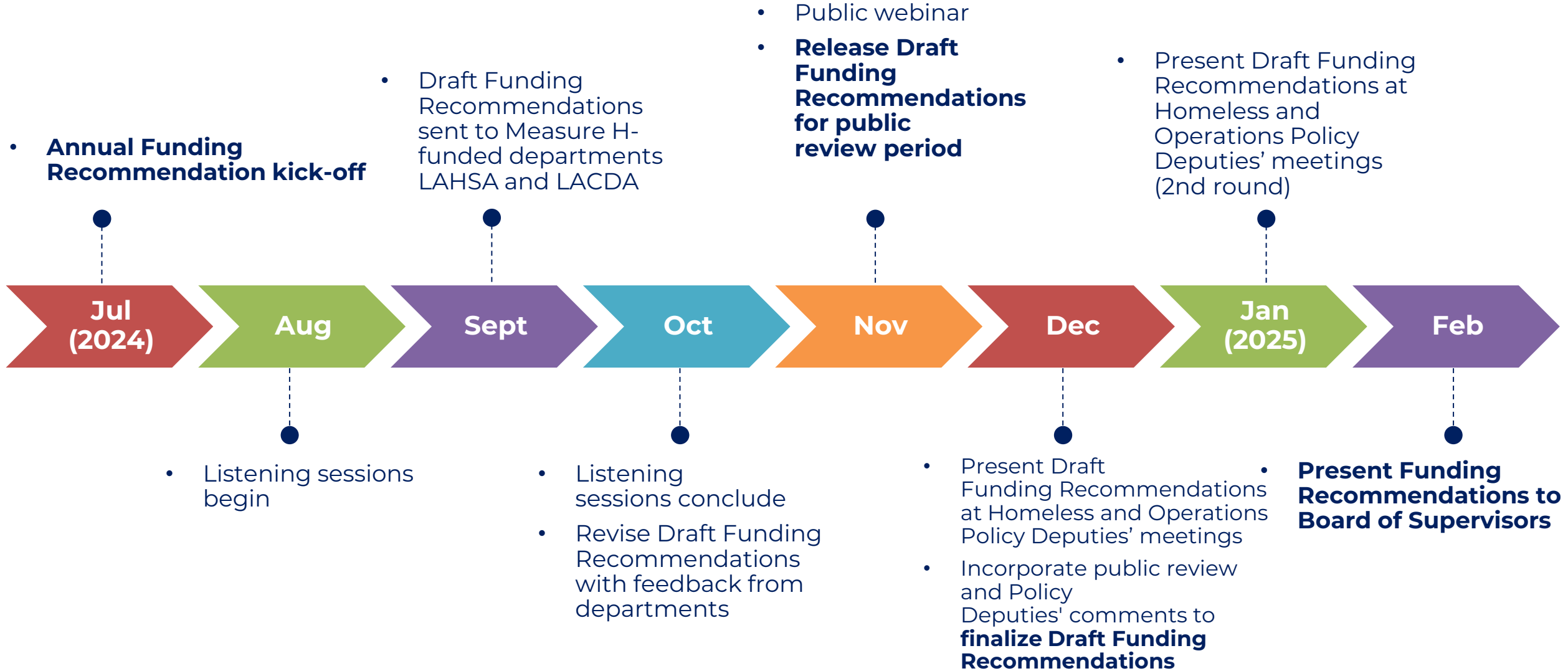
Based on the **New Framework Principles**:

- Respond, at scale, to the **persistently underserved**
- **Consolidate** rehousing system strategies, and **streamline** program models and practice standards
- Increase **exits to permanent housing**
- Advance racial equity, and integrate input of people with lived expertise

Prioritizing funding our **core homeless and housing system** needs:

- Interim Housing
- Permanent Housing/Intensive Case Management Services
- Outreach

Funding Recommendations FY 2025-26: Timeline



Funding Recommendations FY 2025-26: Listening Sessions

Solicit community and stakeholder engagement to strengthen strategies for addressing and preventing homelessness.

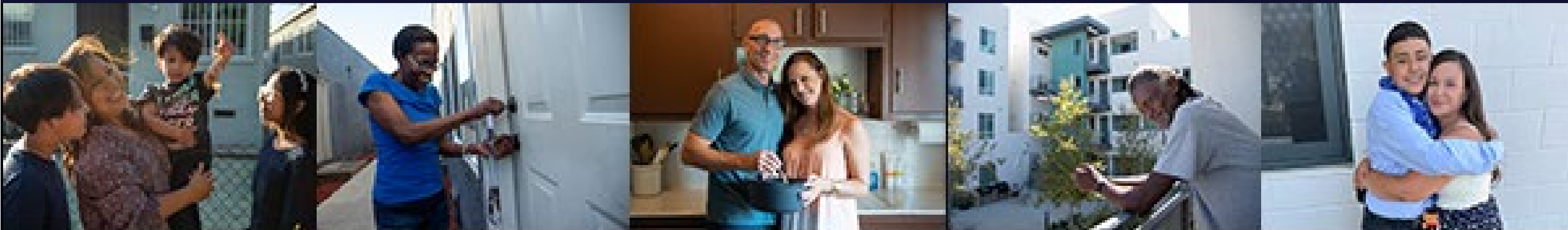
This year, we will conduct 20 listening sessions throughout August and September 2024:

- 8 Service Planning Areas (one in each SPA)
- City/Councils of Government (COG)
- Sessions with People with Lived Experience (adults and youth)
- Homeless Service Providers
- Countywide Spanish Language
- Educational Stakeholders (new)
- BIPOC Advisory Groups (new)
- Faith-Based Partners (new)

Funding Recommendations FY 2025-26: Listening Sessions

- Solicit community and stakeholder engagement to strengthen strategies for addressing and preventing homelessness.
- In addition to informing our funding recommendations, CEO-HI will consider **feedback received during these sessions throughout the fiscal year** as we make ongoing systemwide improvements.
- These listening sessions will include an **overview of last year's funding recommendations process** as well as **how Measure H and other funding streams are spent**.
- These conversations will **help ensure our strategies are responsive to our County communities' unique needs and priorities**.

Thank you.



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&

Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment

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Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Background

On July 27, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH).

The BRCH was tasked to:

- Research/analyze various homelessness governance reports.
 - Provide feedback regarding the most relevant and effective models, with the intention of implementing reform to help solve the homelessness crisis in LA County.
 - Provide recommendations for a new governance model that is appropriate for LA County – incorporating the diverse needs of the region, 88 cities, and the Unincorporated Communities.
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BRCH composed of 12 Commissioners:

- 5 members appointed by the Board, with one member appointed by each Supervisor;
- 1 member nominated by the Mayor of Los Angeles*;
- 3 members nominated by the Los Angeles City Council President*;
- 1 member nominated by the Contract Cities Association; and
- 2 members nominated by the Councils of Government

*City of Los Angeles did not appoint Commissioners to the BRCH.



Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Report

The BRCH adopted and issued the BRCH Homelessness Governance Report on March 30, 2022.

The BRCH Homelessness Governance Report made recommendations on:

- Create County Entity and Identify County Leader
- Measure H/Local Solutions
- Streamlined LAHSA
- Continuum of Care Governance
- Improve LAHSA Operations
- Data and Metrics

Executive Level Action Team

On May 3, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion that took the following actions:

- Adopt the seven BRCH recommendations.
- Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to maximize continuity of analysis and implementation of BRCH recommendations including Recommendation #7.

Recommendation #7: Encourage philanthropy to convene a small, no more than 10 person group of executive-level leaders representing Los Angeles County, its 88 cities, the State and other relevant stakeholders.

In the May 12, 2023 BRCH report back to the Board, the CEO recommended proceeding with the development of the executive committee and leadership table.

The proposed structure included:

- An **Executive Committee** made up of elected officials from cities and Los Angeles County who would develop one plan, align funding, and provide oversight.
- A **Leadership Table** made up of a diverse group of stakeholders to advance the strategies and help unite the region around the one plan and one effort.

On August 8, 2023, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion directing the Chief Executive Office to:

- Establish an **Executive Committee** of elected officials to develop one plan to address homelessness, establish a common set of performance indicators, align resources, and provide oversight.
- Partner with philanthropy to establish the **Leadership Table** to act as an advisory body supporting the work of the Executive Committee with the goal of uniting the region around one unified effort, guiding public education on the issue of homelessness, and aligning private funding in support of a regional plan.

Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment - Role



- Brings city and county policymakers into a **single collaborative body** to make big decisions together about our regional response.
- Develop **one plan** and drive **one effort** regionally.
- Make **collective decisions** based on best available data and **implement those ideas** within each member's respective jurisdiction or area of influence.
- **Work with the Leadership Table** to identify the most effective strategies, scale solutions, align private and public funding, and communicate the vision.
- Provide **candid and actional feedback** throughout all decision-making processes.



Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment - Role

- Help **unite the region** around one plan and one effort. The Table will include private funders, regional governments, advocacy groups, people with lived expertise, faith leaders, and the business community.
- Help **calibrate strategies** based on the data.
- With one trusted voice, **lead on public education** and **hold the system accountable** to the north star.
- **Limit interference and overcome any obstacles** within its sphere of influence that might disrupt implementation.
- Help **align private sector funding** in support of the regional plan.

Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment (ECRHA)

Inaugural Meeting:

Meeting Cadence: Monthly

Meeting Date: Fourth Friday

Meeting Location: California

Community Foundation

Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment (LTRHA)

Meeting Cadence: Quarterly

Meeting Date: Check Website Below

Meeting Location: California

Community Foundation

Meeting agendas or changes to time or location for both ECRHA and LTRHA can be found on the [CEO-Agenda](#) webpage

- **Chair Kathryn Barger** – Supervisor Los Angeles County 5th District
- **Vice Chair Nithya Raman** - Councilmember City of Los Angeles 4th District
- Mayor Karen Bass – City of Los Angeles
- Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath - Chair LA County Board of Supervisors 3rd District
- Senior Advisor Hafsa Kaka - Office of California Governor Gavin Newsom
- Councilmember Paige Kaluderovic – City of Redondo Beach 3rd District
- Mayor Pro Tem Richard Loa – City of Palmdale
- Mayor Becky A. Shevlin – City of Monrovia
- Vacant: Los Angeles County City Selection Southeast Corridor Sector

Leadership Table Members Sector and Community Representatives



Celina Alvarez
Service Provider
Housing Works



Kevin Blackburn
Business
Los Angeles Business
Council



Alberto M. Carvalho
Education
Los Angeles Unified
School District



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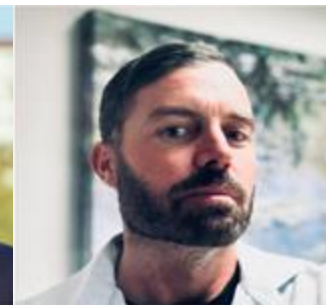
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Leadership Table Members City and County Representatives



Cheri Todoroff
LA County: CEO-Homeless Initiative (CEO/HI)



Dr. Christina Ghaly
LA County: Department of Health Services (DHS)



Dr. Lisa Wong
LA County: Department of Mental Health (DMH)



Dr. Barbara Ferrer
LA County: Department of Public Health (DPH)



Emilio Salas
LA County: Development Authority (LACDA)



Dr. Jackie Contreras
LA County: Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)



Robert Luna
LA County: Sheriff



Dr. D'Artagnan Scroza
Executive Director, Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative (ARDI)



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Stephanie Wiggins
LA Metro



Jim Zenner
LA County: Department of Military and Veteran Affairs



Sarah Dusseault
Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Liaison



Anne Sewill
LA City: Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)



Dominic Choi
LA City: Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)



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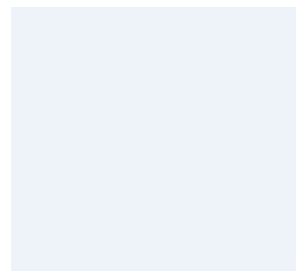
Lourdes Castro-Ramirez
LA City: Mayor's Office Chief of Housing and Homelessness



Dr. Va Lecia Adams-Kellum
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)



Bill Huang
Director, Department of Housing, City of Pasadena
Pasadena Continuum of Care



Roberto Chavez
Inglewood Housing Authority

Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance



- **June 18, 2024** the ordinance was ratified to qualify for the November 2024 ballot.
- **June 25, 2024** LA County Board of Supervisors adopted the ordinance without alteration.
- **November 4, 2024** Measure A on ballot for voter consideration.

“...this Ordinance has **five goals**:

1. Increase the number of people moving from encampment into permanent housing to reduce unsheltered homelessness;
2. Reduce the number of people with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who experience homelessness;
3. Increase the number of people permanently leaving homelessness;
4. Prevent people from falling into homelessness; and
5. Increase the number of affordable housing units in Los Angeles County.”

ECRHA and LTRHA's Roles

Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now
Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance

The Executive Committee ***shall evaluate progress toward goals..., with an emphasis on goals 1, 2, and 3;*** and the Housing Agency shall evaluate progress towards the goals..., with an emphasis on goals 4 and 5.

... based on input and recommendations from the Leadership Table; relevant County staff; and stakeholders, including service providers contracted to provide services like those to be funded by the tax imposed by the Ordinance, affordable housing developers, and renter protection organizations.

No later than ***April 1, 2025*** the Executive Committee and Housing Agency shall each ***formulate baseline and target metrics...***

ECRHA and LTRHA's Roles

Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now
Transaction and Use Tax Ordinance

No later than October 1, 2031, the Executive Committee and the Housing Agency ***shall formulate new baseline and target metrics informed by the annual evaluation agenda and prior program performance.*** The Executive Committee shall evaluate progress towards these new metrics at least ***every five years thereafter*** and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Housing Agency.

ECRHA and LTRHA's Roles

Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now
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For each goal for which the target metric has not been achieved as of December 31, 2030, the Executive Committee ***shall make recommendations*** to the Board of Supervisors and the Housing Agency ***to redirect funds to or away from specific programs.***

If any of the target metrics have not been achieved, the Executive Committee shall recommend reallocations among County programs and among Housing Agency programs, respectively, of between 2.5% and 5% of the total allocation to each of the County or the Housing Agency.

ECRHA and LTRHA's Roles

Affordable Housing, Homelessness Solutions, and Prevention Now
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The Executive Committee, with input from the Leadership Table, shall ***develop best practices for standardization of care***, including but not limited to connections to behavioral and mental health, medical care, and other services. These best practices should ***include guidance and key performance indicators*** for contractors and Funding Recipients.

Thank You.



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