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# **Transform the emergency homeless infrastructure into a permanently expanded, results-driven, safety- net in Los Angeles**

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# Today's presentation will focus on:

- An overview of homelessness response
- Demographics of those experiencing homelessness
- Research to date in response to COVID-19 and exit planning
- Actions to house most vulnerable to protect against the spread and return of COVID-19
- Research and focus on Prevention
- Ties to housing

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# LAHSA's COVID-19 Response & Challenges

<b>COVID-19 Response Metrics</b>	
Target Tier 1 Hotel/Motels rooms under occupancy agreement	<b>15,000</b>
Tier 1 Hotel/Motel rooms operational	<b>2,884</b>
Clients occupying Tier 1 Hotel/Motel rooms	<b>2,470</b>
Tier 1 City congregate beds currently online	<b>1,185</b>
Tier 1 Trailer Beds currently online	<b>298</b>
Calls received via Tier 1 Call Center	<b>2,601</b>
Unsheltered PEH who received COVID-specific education by LAHSA HET	<b>5,971</b>

## **COVID-19 Response Challenges**

- Community push back
- Staffing needs

# NAEH Framework: COVID-19 Homelessness Response

This Framework provides guidance on how to use funds strategically across a range of key public health and economic recovery strategies, to meet public health goals, to increase housing stability, and to prevent future increases in homelessness

- Strategies and activities should be undertaken in five areas: **Unsheltered Homelessness, Shelter, Housing, Prevention and Diversion, and Strengthening Systems for the Future**
- Essential actions should occur in four phases: **Immediate Actions, Short-Term Actions, Medium-Term Actions, and Longer-Term Actions**
- All activities should be approached with a **Racial Justice and Equity Lens**

## Upcoming Report Backs

### ➤ 4/14/20 Sup. Ridley-Thomas and Sup. Hahn Motion

- Direct CEO to develop plan to provide long-term housing to people 65 and older experiencing homelessness
- 30 Day Initial Report Back (5/14/20)
- 45 Day Complete Report Back (5/29/20)

### ➤ 5/12/20 Sup. Kuehl and Sup. Ridley-Thomas Board Motion

- Direct LAHSA to develop COVID-19 Recovery Plan
- 15 Day Initial Report Back (5/27/20)
- 30 Day Report Back with full plan (6/11/20)

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# **The Road to Recovery in Los Angeles County**

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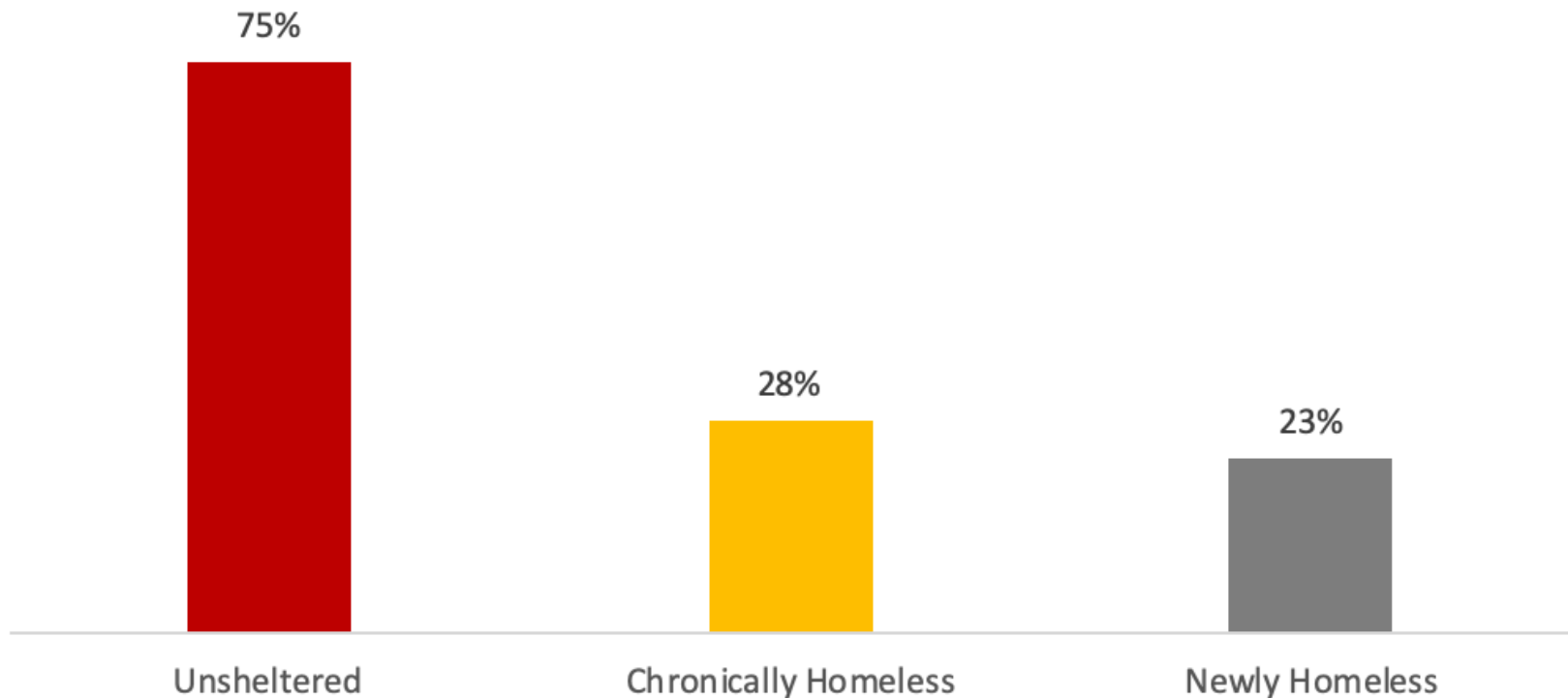
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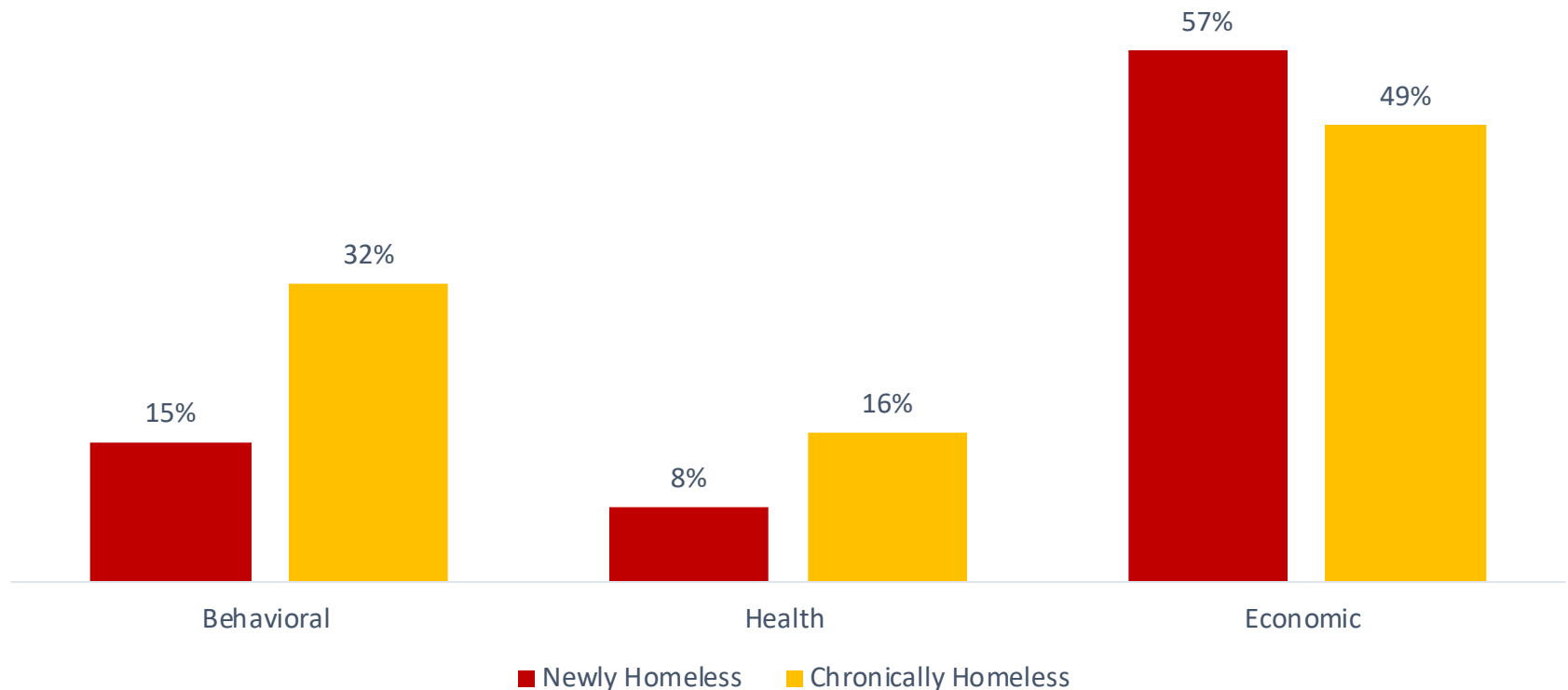
## *What Does Homelessness Look Like in LA County?*

### LA Continuum of Care Demographics-2019



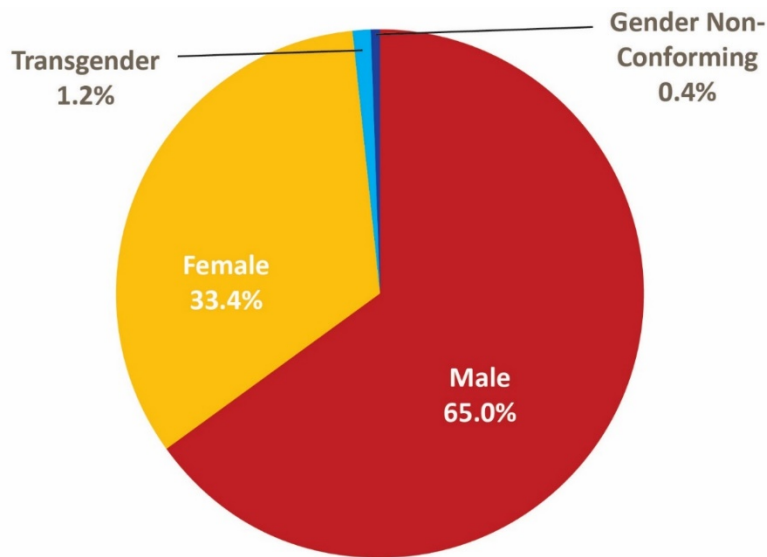
## *Who is experiencing homelessness in CA?*

### Reasons Given For Homelessness among Unsheltered Adults, Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 2019

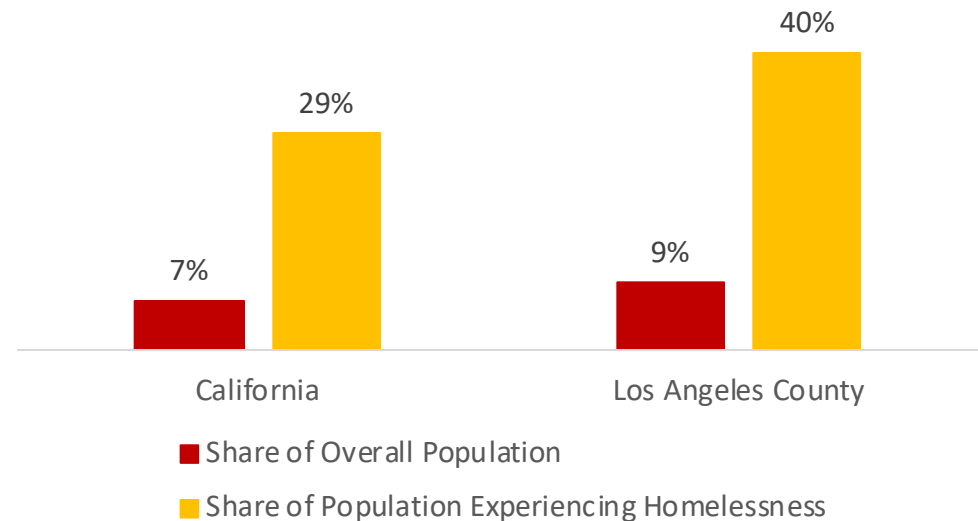


## *Gender and Racial Disparities in Homelessness*

**CA Homeless Population by Gender, 2019 Estimates**



**Black People As Share of Overall Population vs. Homeless Population, 2019 Estimates**



## Current Homelessness Research

### Addressing Disparities:

- Increasing Black Tenant Retention in Permanent Supportive Housing
- Coordinated Entry System (CES) Triage Tool Research & Refinement



Image Source: LAHSA

### COVID-19 Related:

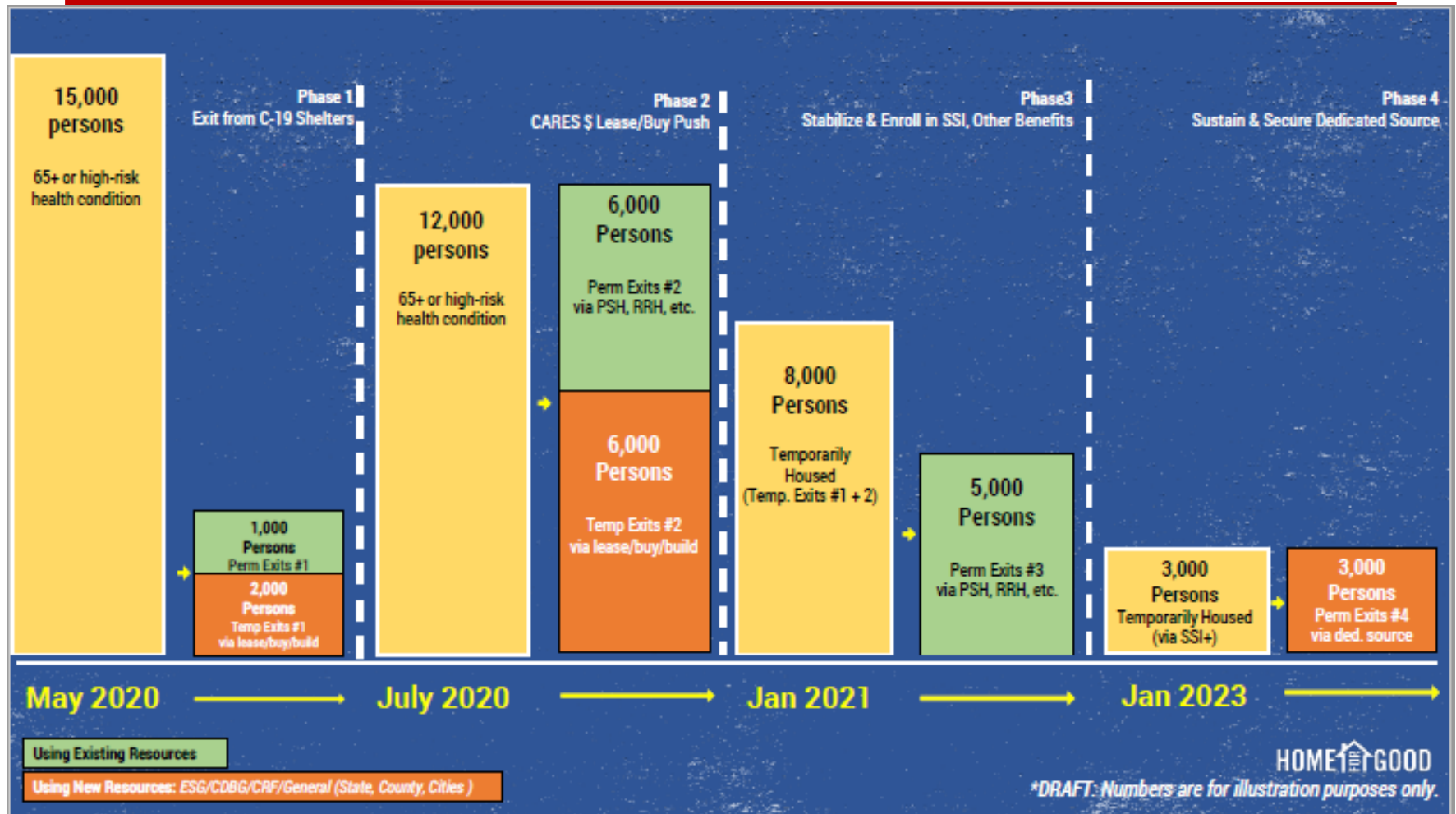
- Permanent Supportive Housing for adults ages 65+ after Project Room Key
- Examining the efficacy of text message surveys and social distancing/sanitation awareness at Skid Row Housing Trust
- Responding to intimate partner violence and homelessness
- Healthcare systems and homelessness intersection
- Housing policies to prevent homelessness (mortgage forbearance, rent forgiveness)

## *Exit Planning – Post COVID 19*

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- First Goal is to house 15,000 people that are especially vulnerable to COVID-19
- Second Goal is prevent an inflow into homelessness from the economic downturn

## Exit Planning



## *Exit Planning*

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- Eviction Moratoria
- Workout strategies for accrued non payment of rent
- Targeted emergency aid



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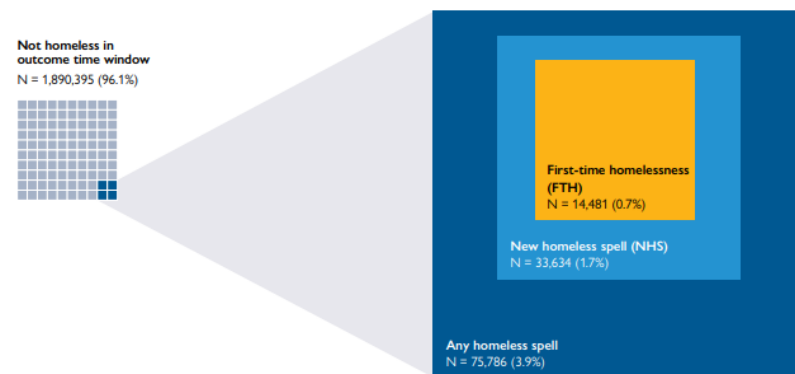
## Homelessness Prevention (capolicylab.org)

- By some estimates the region could experience a **40% increase in homelessness** **one-time rental assistance, plus service connections.**
- In the past, a very small percentage of people evicted from homes experienced literal homelessness. **The key to successful HL prevention is targeting.**

### Key Risk Factors:

- Very low AMI (30% or even lower)
- Involvement with systems like APS and DCFS
- Doubled up and at risk of being forced to leave
- Head of household age 25 or younger
- Recent traumatic event
- Unable to afford motel room
- Unlawful detainer lawsuit or notice to vacate

FIGURE 1. Homelessness among single adults in the ELP in calendar year 2017  
(restricted to individuals with prior service histories)



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