

# SKID ROW ACTION PLAN

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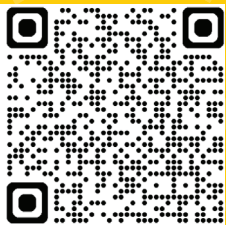
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## What's Happening with the Skid Row Action Plan



The **Skid Row Action Plan** is a community planning initiative to improve the health and safety of the Skid Row community. The plan seeks to respond to decades of harm and institutional racism. The Action Plan is the result of a robust community planning process and builds on the community infrastructure, rich history of community organizing, creativity and strengths that have existed in Skid Row for years. The Action Plan reflects the aspirations and vision of community members, community organizations and government partners.

Implementing the Skid Row Action Plan - Community Design and Results

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# Resources at the Skid Row Care Campus



**EXPANDED HOURS:** Nights & weekends



Economic opportunity days: Thursday at the Care Campus with Chrysalis and Hub Cities; Co-location with the Job Connector program.



Implementation of arts, wellness and spirituality programming



Community Lead Town Hall and Office Hours **Booth 4**. First Friday of each month. Hosted by the Skid Row Resident Councilmembers



SRAP Community Meetings continue to be held quarterly.

# The MAPLE HEALTH HUB



## 640 Maple Street Look for the yellow gate!

Operated by Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, JWCH, and the LA County Department of Health Services Harm Reduction Division. **Open daily from 8:00am until 3:00pm.** Small snacks, coffee & movies

Renovations are still in process and will be completed in 2026.

### ADDITIONAL HEALTH CENTERS:



#### JWCH HEALTH CENTER

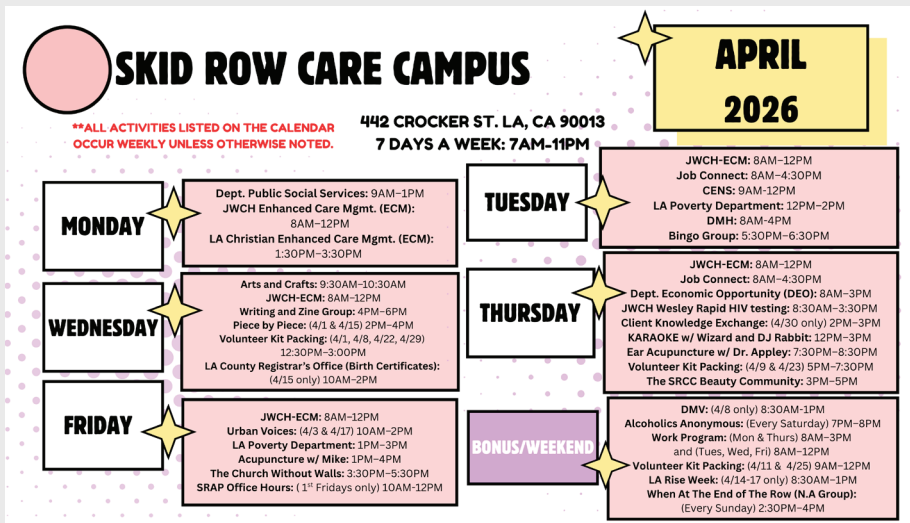
A community respite program is currently being developed. Currently 10 beds are available for short-term respite on a first-come first-serve basis.



#### DROP-IN CENTER AT SKID ROW CARE CAMPUS HEALTH HUB

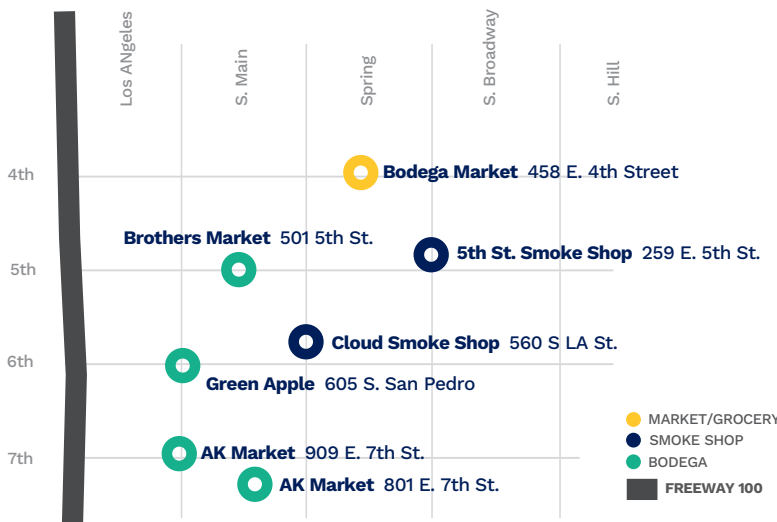
Provided through Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) and AB109 Funding awards

Located in the Skid Row Care Campus Health Hub on Crocker Street Extended operating hours from 3:00pm until 10:00pm.



# Harm Reduction

## 24 HOUR NALOXONE LOCATION LIST



SKID ROW PERMANENT HOUSING RESIDENT COUNCILMEMBER BARRON MCCALL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING DIRECTOR OF SYSTEM COORDINATION AND ENGAGEMENT MOLLY RYSMAN, HARM REDUCTION RESIDENT COUNCILMEMBER DESTINY "TINY", AND SAFE SERVICES RESIDENT COUNCILMEMBER AHMAD ATTEND THE HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING CLUSTER MEETING AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, WHERE THE PERMANENT HOUSING RESIDENT COUNCIL PRESENTED THEIR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOMELESS DEPUTIES.

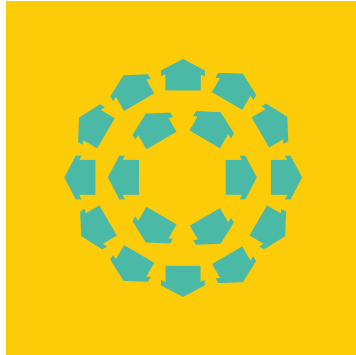


SKID ROW SAFE SERVICES RESIDENT COUNCILMEMBER SHEBA ONBOARD TRAINING NEW SKID ROW CARE CAMPUS AND MAPLE SITE STAFF.



## Skid Row Safe Services, Harm Reduction, and Permanent Housing Resident Councils Build on Success

The Permanent Housing Resident Council (PHRC) continues to build on the success of its first term, during which members conducted a 300-resident survey across Permanent Supportive Housing buildings in Skid Row.



“Resident Councils have merged to strengthen coordination and impact.”



SKID ROW PERMANENT HOUSING RESIDENT COUNCILMEMBERS PAUL REYES, BARRON MCCALL, AND SUZETTE SHAW TOURING SRO HOUSING SITES WITH COUNCILMEMBER JURADO. (NOT PICTURED) RESIDENT COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN CEDANO.

Survey findings were translated into formal recommendations presented to City and County officials, the Los Angeles Housing Department, building owners, and Councilmember Ysabel Jurado.

As **PHRC launches Cohort 2**, recruitment efforts have prioritized women residents in permanent housing. The upcoming term will focus on revisiting prior recommendations, assessing progress, and advancing resident-led accountability efforts. Additional priorities include expanding access to harm reduction in permanent housing, including advocacy for naloxone availability in all buildings.

Following a strategic restructuring, the Harm Reduction and Safe Services Resident Councils have merged to strengthen coordination and impact. The newly combined council has returned to full membership capacity and is focused on refining its shared mission and governance structure.

Current priorities include advancing the development of a Harm Reduction Resident Council community survey focused on patrons of harm reduction services in Skid Row, analyzing Safe Services Resident Council findings from nearly 350 surveys, and strengthening structured engagement with County partners. The merger reflects a commitment to sustainability, clearer prioritization, and deeper systems-level impact.



# The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)

## JOB CONNECTORS PROGRAM

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES



### SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity oversees and manages the Job Connector Program which has partnered with the Office of Housing and Homelessness to provide formerly unhoused individuals with employment, education, and training services so they may successfully enter the city's workforce.

### BACKGROUND

In support of Mayor Bass' Local Emergency declaration, the Job Connectors Program was launched in August of 2023 to support the integration of the City's Workforce Development System with interim housing and other housing initiatives. The goal is to empower and support participants with the skills, resources and opportunities they need to secure meaningful employment or education that contribute to their long-term stability and self-sufficiency.

### SERVICES

- **Job Training and Educational Resources:** We connect the formerly unhoused to job training programs and educational resources that help them gain essential skills and qualifications to enter the workforce
- **Job Search Assistance:** Our team actively connects individuals with job opportunities and guides them through the application process
- **Career Guidance:** We provide personalized career coaching to help individuals set clear goals and map out their employment path
- **Resume Writing Support:** We work with individuals to create professional resumes that effectively highlight their skills and experience
- **Interview Preparation:** We conduct mock interviews and provide detailed feedback to help and prepare individuals to build confidence
- **Professional Development Workshops:** Our workshops focus on developing key soft skills, ensuring workplace or education success.

### SUCCESS STORIES:

- A recent participant connected with our program seeking to find an entry level job to rebuild his life but was met with repeated challenges including multiple denials from employers. After encouragement and coaching, he explored outside of his comfort zone and enrolled into "GRID Alternatives" a training program for solar panel installation. He has since graduated from the program and not only has full time employment but a career that brings him pride.
- Another participant entered an interim housing program after losing her home. She was determined to turn her life experiences into strengths by supporting others facing similar challenges. Her dedication led her to secure a meaningful position as a Peer Support Specialist with the Downtown Women's Center, where she now uses her empathy, insight, and communication skills to uplift women in need.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- The program is currently offering employment and education services to nearly 45 housing sites across the City of Los Angeles
- More than 500 referrals for education/employment support
- Nearly 1300 job applications have been sent out by participants
- More than 380 resumes created for participants to support their job search
- More than 180 participants secured employment and/or enrolled into an education or workforce program

### PARTNERS:

#### CITY OF LA:

- Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity
- Economic Workforce and Development Department
- Mayor's Office of Housing and Homelessness Solutions

#### OTHER:

- Coalition for Responsible Community Development
- WorkSource Center Service Providers
- Inside Safe & Interim Housing Service Providers
- Other Housing & Homeless Service Providers



“ Her mission is simple: to make sure people and animals can live healthy, supported lives.

HARM REDUCTION RESIDENT COUNCILMEMBER, ANIMAL ACTIVIST, AND SKID ROW RESIDENT DESTINY.

## In Their Own Words

**Destiny, who most people know as “Tiny”, is a 20-year old Mexican woman who grew up in South Central Los Angeles, in the Florence area. After turning 18, she became homeless and found herself living in the Skid Row community – along with her cats, who have been by her side through every step of their journey.**



What started with two cats soon became seven, three of whom grew up with her on the streets. One cat, who used to roam the area, joined her when she moved into interim housing. People in the neighborhood came to recognize Destiny as always having her cats with her, often pushing them in a stroller so they wouldn't be left alone in the car.

Destiny connected with The Sidewalk Project, a harm reduction organization that provides food, water, pet supplies, clothing, and housing resources. Through their support, she found stability and a strong sense of community. She now recommends the organization to anyone in need – whether they're looking for harm reduction supplies, housing help, or just kindness.

Caring for animals while experiencing homelessness has been challenging, but Destiny views her pets as family. In her spare time, she feeds stray cats and makes it a goal to help at least three people each month, recalling how much small acts of kindness have meant to her when she needed it the most.

As a member of the Harm Reduction Resident Council, Destiny hopes to help others access harm reduction resources and learn how to care for both themselves and their pets. Her mission is simple: to make sure people and animals can live healthy, supported lives.





# Skid Row Arts Alliance

SKID ROW ARTS ALLIANCE is a consortium of artist-driven arts organizations, comprised of people living and working, creating art and community in Skid Row. An initiative of Urban Voices Project, Los Angeles Poverty Department, Piece by Piece & Sidewalk Project.

Download the SRAA [Zine](#)

## Movie Screenings

Join us for movies about issues that are important to our Skid Row and downtown community! Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at the #skidrowmuseum. Hosted by LA Poverty Department.

## A People's History of Skid Row

[LAPD's Skid Row History Museum](#) & Archive is curated by L. A. Poverty Department. The space operates as an archive-, exhibition-, performance- and meeting space and collects, preserves, and disseminates the history of the Skid Row neighborhood.

The [Walk The Talk WEBSITE](#) provides access to interviews and performances of all Walk the Talk honorees whose accomplishments ---from 1970 until today, have been celebrated in Walk the Talk. And it also features reflections and commentaries by scholars, artists, community members, activists, journalists on what they've discovered in the archive. All project materials are available at our Skid Row History Museum & Archive.

The Walk The Talk website is created by artist/technologist Robert Ochshorn and made possible through the generous support of Reduct Video, Inc. Walk the Talk, (2012-2024) LAPD's biennial performance / parade was initiated to make Skid Row's history visible. The project begins with a community nominating process and interviews of the honorees. Their words are shaped into scenes performed by LAPD during the parade at each honoree's work site. The parade is propelled through the streets of Skid Row by a New Orleans style brass band with artist designed portraits of each honoree held aloft.



## About Los Angeles Poverty Department

Founded in 1985, Los Angeles Poverty Department is made up of people who make art and live and work in Skid Row. LAPD creates performances and multidisciplinary artworks that connect the experience of people living in poverty to the social forces that shape their lives and communities. LAPD's works express the realities, hopes, dreams and rights of people who live and work in L.A.'s Skid Row.

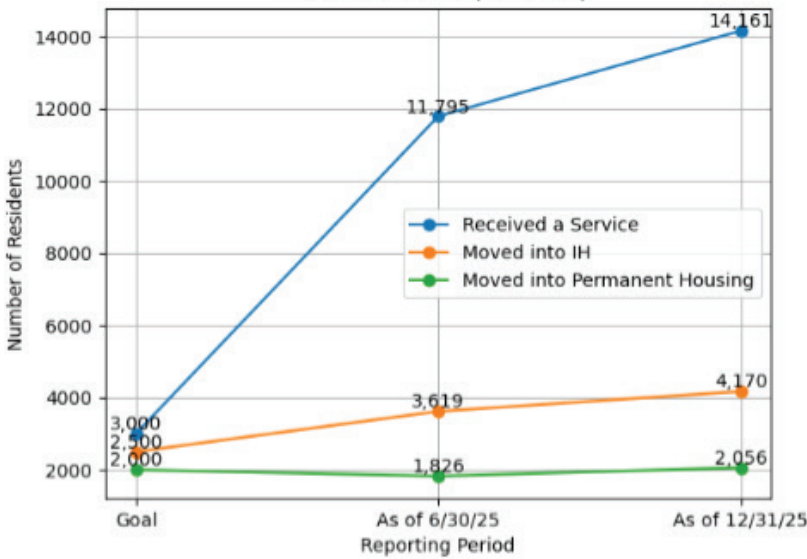


# Encampment Resolution Fund

## Skid Row Outcomes

These outcomes reflect the ongoing integration of outreach, interim housing, harm reduction, and permanent housing placements within Skid Row.

SRAP Outcomes (FY 25-26)



The State of California provided Los Angeles County with a \$60 million Encampment Resolution Fund to reduce unsheltered homelessness in Skid Row. The County used the Skid Row Action Plan as a tool to design an encampment resolution project that leveraged community assets, existing outreach teams, interim housing and permanent housing to reduce unsheltered homelessness. The grant is a three-year grant that started July 1, 2023. **As of 12/31/26 with the Encampment Resolution Fund grant:**

# 14,161

people experiencing unsheltered homelessness received a service from an outreach team, access center or health clinic in Skid Row

# 4,170

people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Skid Row were able to move into an interim housing program

# 2,056

people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Skid Row were able to move into permanent housing.



ERF Round 2 outcomes reflect date range 7/1/2025 to 12/31/2025.

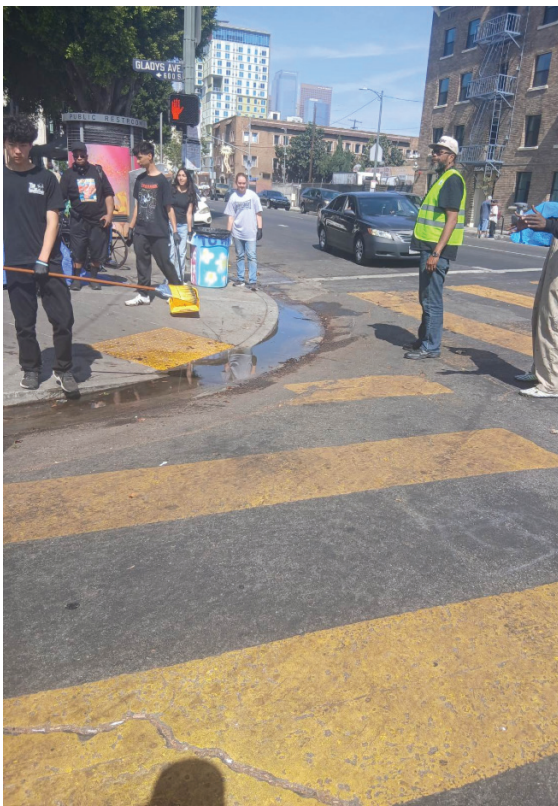


# Community Activities and Events



## Community Clean-Up hosted by Skid Row Brigade

The Skid Row Brigade hosted a Community Clean-Up/Adopt-A-Block event from March 23–26, bringing neighbors together for food, connection, and shared community pride while working side by side to help beautify the neighborhood.






COMMUNITY COACHES TEACH COMPUTER SCIENCES AND CODING TO SKID ROW STUDENTS GRADES 3-5 AT THE UMEYA APARTMENTS COMMUNITY ROOM IN SKID ROW.
















## Family-Friendly Activities

**FUN ZONE READING CLUB** for Homeless Kids, TERC, and BootUp are teaching Skid Row residents, adults and children alike, coding and computer sciences. To learn more about becoming a Community Coach, please visit TERC's Code in Motion by Sparks website. (see next slide for the image/caption related to this content.)



# APRIL 2026

## 544 TOWNE AVE OPEN 24/7

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>*Please note: calendar activities subject to change</b>			<b>1</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army 	<b>2</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army Joshua House	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8 AM-2 PM JWCH Clinic 	<b>7</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army	<b>8</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army	<b>9</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10 AM-1 PM Project Lux Health Care Enrollments <b>12 PM-2 PM</b> CSULA Resource Distribution Event 
<b>12</b> 12 PM-2 PM UCLA ACE Free Clinic 	<b>13</b> 8 AM-2 PM JWCH Clinic 	<b>14</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army <b>3 PM</b> Barber Services 	<b>15</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army 	<b>16</b> 9 AM-12 PM <u>Court Outreach</u> Salvation Army <b>7 PM-11 PM</b> AHF Mobile Unit 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10 AM-1 PM Project Lux Health Care Enrollments <b>12 PM-2 PM</b> Global Medical Training 
<b>19</b> 12 PM-2 PM UCLA ACE Free Clinic	<b>20</b> 8 AM-2 PM JWCH Clinic	<b>21</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army <b>12 PM-1:30 PM</b> I Love You Food Truck 	<b>22</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army	<b>23</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army 	<b>24</b> 9 AM-1 PM Dept. of Public Health STI Testing 	<b>25</b> 10 AM-2 PM UCLA Addiction Awareness Assoc. Distribution Event
<b>26</b> 12 PM-4 PM BOLT Day Event 	<b>27</b> 8 AM-2 PM JWCH Clinic 	<b>28</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army <b>3 PM</b> Barber Services 	<b>29</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army	<b>30</b> 9 AM-12 PM Salvation Army		

