



**IT'S TIME FOR A NEW FOCUS ON  
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS**

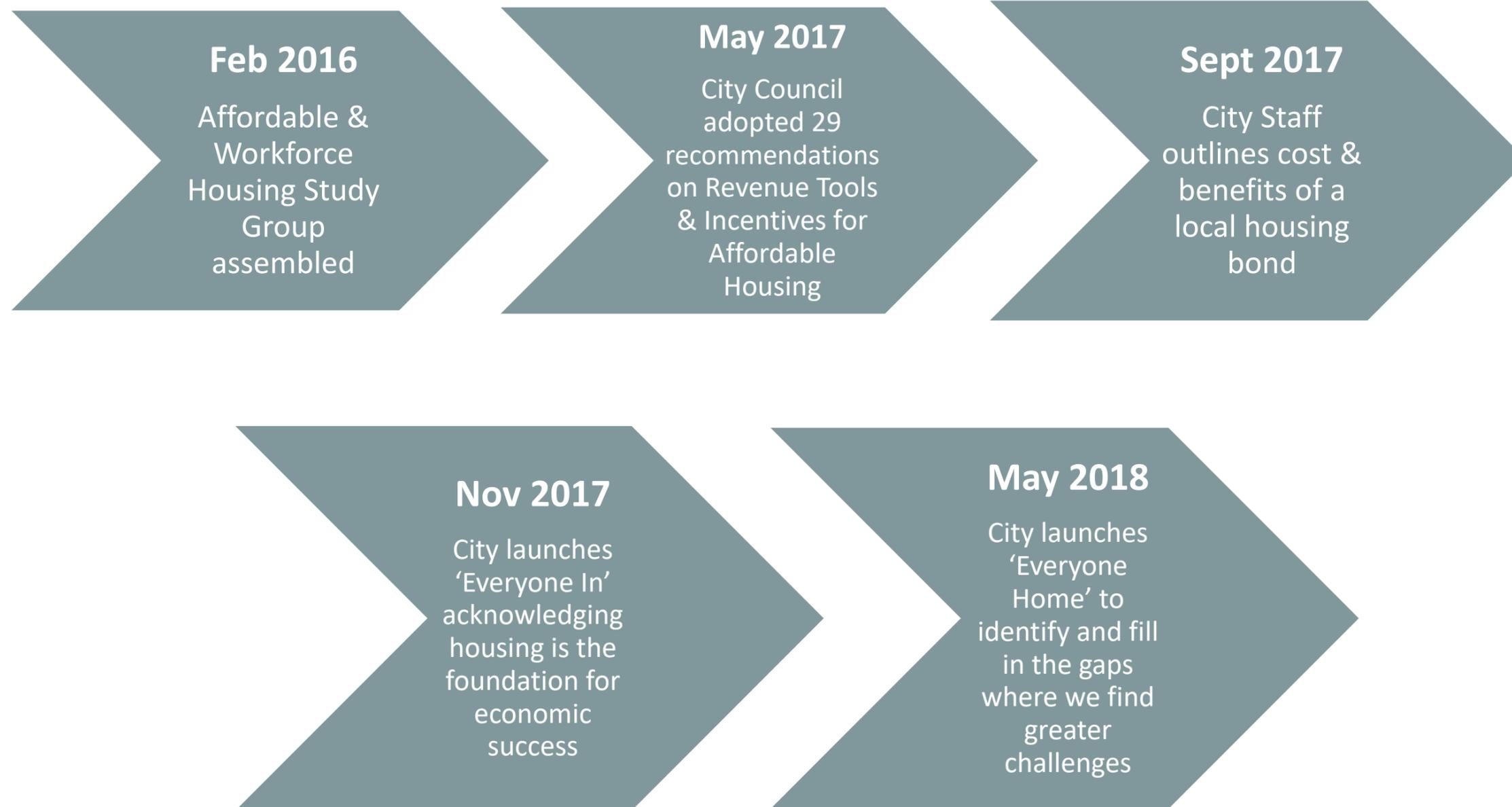


# How is Long Beach Doing?



- ▶ **1,863** individuals currently experiencing homelessness
- ▶ **221,901** Long Beach residents are cost-burdened, spending more than **30%** of their income on rent
- ▶ **58,700** Long Beach residents are precariously housed, spending more than 90% of their income on rent
- ▶ **56,883** Long Beach residents live in overcrowded conditions
- ▶ **28,524** additional units are needed by 2040 to meet our goal of housing individuals and families in need

# Current Efforts to Address Homelessness



- The City of Long Beach does not have the resources to build the number of housing units needed for low-income and homeless individuals, nor does it have sufficient resources for prevention and services
- LA County's Measure H does not provide enough support for the city's growing need for housing services
- Municipalities in California have been involved in financing programs such as bond financing – bonds were issued by redevelopment agencies
- Since the loss of redevelopment, cities are finding innovative alternative approaches to funding the development of affordable housing and supportive services



## The Challenge

# Innovative Approaches from Other Cities

- ▶ In November 2016, LA City voters approved Prop HHH which will develop 10,000 permanent supportive housing units for upwards of 20,000 homeless and at-risk homeless individuals
- ▶ San Francisco currently has 7,500 supportive housing units, as well as four fully funded “navigation centers” that provide counseling, housing assistance, and employment assistance
- ▶ This November San Francisco voters will be voting on a measure to raise \$300 million for an additional 4,000 supportive housing units
- ▶ In November 2016, Seattle approved a \$290 million housing levy to produce and preserve over 3,000 units for low and very-low income individuals, along with dedicated funding for substance and mental illness support



# The Solution



- ▶ Dedicated local revenue source for the development of permanent supportive housing and comprehensive prevention services
- ▶ Initiate the purchase of a building to be utilized for a year-round homeless shelter
- ▶ Research and identify funding strategies and partners to purchase nuisance motels for transitional and permanent housing opportunities
- ▶ Create a source of income discrimination policy in the City of Long Beach

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