

June 20, 2023

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Continue the local emergency caused by conditions or threatened conditions of homelessness within the City of Long Beach, which if not corrected, constitute an imminent and proximate threat to the safety of persons and property within the City; and

Receive and file an update on the emergency declaration and associated activities and provide any additional direction to City staff regarding the emergency. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Long Beach (City) has designated significant resources to address homelessness in Long Beach. Since 2020, more than 530 new interim housing units have been developed. The City opened the first year-round Atlantic Bridge Community Shelter, secured three hotels along with the County of Los Angeles (County), and recently purchased the 78-bed Luxury Inn and more than 30 modular shelter units. The City also implemented three Restorative Engagement to Achieve Collective Health (REACH) teams, increased the number of outreach staff and call takers from 4 to 27, expanded hours for weekend outreach, enhanced the localized interdepartmental response, partnered to provide mobile health care services, and doubled Police Department Quality of Life teams. In 2023, the City has implemented mobile Multi-Service Center (MSC) outreach teams, will launch a mobile mental health and substance use treatment van, and will continue to focus on mental health prevention and treatment access.

The City continues to have 3,447 people experiencing homelessness throughout Long Beach, which is a 4.6 percent increase from 2022. Of these 3,447 people, 2,456 are unsheltered. The City and local community-based organizations provide approximately 1,300 interim shelter beds, and most of these shelters are operating at capacity, leaving few options for those currently without shelter.

## **Declaration of the Emergency**

On January 10, 2023, the City Council proclaimed the local emergency, in accordance with the provisions of Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.69. This item will be reviewed every fourteen (14) days until the City Council terminates said local emergency or amends requirements for reporting frequency. A local emergency must be terminated at the earliest possible date as the conditions warrant.

### The Mission of the Emergency:

To reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City and the region by increasing housing opportunities and by enhancing current initiatives that provide field-based outreach, engagement, and supportive services while maintaining the safety and security of the people experiencing homelessness, the general public and staff, and improving overall public safety for the entire community.

The Everyone Home Long Beach Strategic Plan leads with the following statement of possibility: The experience of homelessness in Long Beach is rare and brief when it occurs. The Mission, goals and actions outlined in the local homeless emergency are aligned with the Everyone Home Long Beach Plan.

### Actions Taken in the Past Two Weeks:

In the past two weeks, the City emergency structure has taken several actions and below is a summary of the major items worked on. Supporting information is included in Attachment A.

#### **Increase access to services**

- The Mobile Access Center (MAC) schedule for June was released and will operate Monday through Friday with varied hours and locations. MAC will not be operating on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Juneteenth
- Opened new Queensway site and participants have transitioned

#### **Engage community in data, planning and assistance**

- Refreshed data on Homelessness Emergency Dashboard
- Conducted residential and business outreach related to the June 13 Council Item on the City's purchase of the Long Beach Rescue Mission

#### **Build capacity to address homelessness crisis**

- The Intergovernmental Work Group has identified leads to coordinate the various "policy pathways" and drafted a framework to guide the City's work as it relates to prevention policy

**Increase interim and long-term housing access**

- Council approved the purchase of 702 W. Anaheim to be used for a permanent year-round shelter and as the annual Winter Shelter for people experiencing homelessness

Focus Areas for the Next Four Weeks

Staff will provide an oral report on June 20, 2023, on some of the areas of focus for the next four weeks that contribute to the progress of the short-term goals. Topics will include:

**Increase access to services**

- Continue partnership conversations with LA County Department of Health Services and LAHSA
- Increase outreach and education regarding availability of the RV Sanitation and Water Filling site
- Housing Authority will continue to work to update its Housing Choice Voucher List

**Engage community in data, planning and assistance**

- Finalize planning for the Interfaith Convening, scheduled for Thursday, June 22, with faith-based organizations across the City who are committed to supporting the efforts of not only the emergency response, but ongoing after the emergency has been lifted
- Preparing data update to include homeless count data.

**Build capacity to address homelessness crisis**

- Continue evaluating Port of Long Beach and other properties that can support additional homelessness services
- Continue to work to finalize plans, permitting, and construction agreements to commence construction activities on City-led capital improvements at the Multi-Service Center (Tiny Homes), Navigation Center, Best Western, and Luxury Inn.
- Working with Long Beach education institutions to work toward convening of education institutions and ECE providers

**Increase interim and long-term housing access**

- Finalize contracts with Rescue Mission for the 702 W. Anaheim Street Site for the long term interim shelter.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on June 15, 2023 and by Recovery Budget Officer Dee Okam on June 14, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 20, 2023, in accordance with the Long Beach Municipal Code requirements for the review of the local emergency. In order to report back every two weeks and to allow time for updates with the actions of the past two weeks, the item

will generally be released on the Supplemental Agenda with a presentation with the latest information provided to the City Council and community during the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The full fiscal impact is unknown at this time and will be based on the work required and projects implemented to respond to the homelessness crisis. As the Citywide strategy is developed, and funding is identified, staff will return to the City Council with fiscal impacts and requests for appropriation. This recommendation will result in significant staffing impacts beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is expected to affect Citywide staffing workload and will cause priorities to shift due to this emergency. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER

Attachments:                   A – Supporting Documentation on Actions Taken in the Past Two Weeks



## ATTACHMENT A

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**6/14/2023**

Press Release # 061423-2FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Long Beach Housing Authority Awarded 79 Stability Housing Vouchers to Connect People Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness to Permanent Housing**

Emergency Housing Voucher program reaches 100% utilization rate

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Long Beach, CA – The [Housing Authority of the City of Long Beach](#), located within the [Department of Health and Human Services](#), recently received 79 Stability Housing Vouchers from the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#). On April 17, 2023, HUD [announced](#) Long Beach as one of eight Continuum of Care communities in California to receive Stability Housing Vouchers, which will be utilized to connect even more qualifying individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness to permanent housing.

"This important addition to our voucher programs will allow us to continue to connect even more people to permanent housing, beyond what we were able to accomplish by reaching the maximum utilization of Emergency Housing Vouchers," said Mayor Rex Richardson. "The Stability Housing Vouchers are another tool in our toolbox to address homelessness here in Long Beach."

Stability Housing Vouchers are now available to qualifying individuals through the Housing Authority, in addition to the other rental assistance such as [Emergency Housing Voucher](#) (EHV) and [Housing Choice Voucher](#) programs. Stability Housing Vouchers are similar to EHV's, as they are both intended for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or human trafficking, but do not offer additional tenant incentives such as moving expenses, security deposits and utility bill payment support, nor do they offer incentives for landowners.

Qualifying people interested in participating in the Stability Housing Voucher program can call 562.570.6985 or email [HACLB@longbeach.gov](mailto:HACLB@longbeach.gov).

Additionally, the City has reached maximum occupancy for its EHV program, committing all 582 qualifying voucher holders, the maximum number available for funding in Long Beach per HUD, to permanent housing. This is the first time the City has reached maximum lease ups for its EHV program time since 2021. At the start of 2023, 320 EHV were actually leased with housing. As of June 2, 547 of the 582 EHV were leased with permanent housing, with the remaining amount committed to housing and are waiting to be processed for completion as soon as Friday, June 9. This 100% utilization rate is ahead of the nationwide average of 76.7%.

Increasing the occupancy rate for the EHV program was one of the City's identified short-term goals established at the start of the local homelessness emergency proclamation on Jan. 10, 2023. In effort to increase housing connections, the City conducted enhanced outreach to local housing providers to educate, engage and encourage participation, which included the launch of an internal call center and hosting of community information sessions and roundtables.

Understanding that many people who are issued EHV will not use them due to several factors, it is common practice for supportive housing jurisdictions to over-issue vouchers in order to make sure that all available vouchers are utilized and the maximum number of voucher holders are connected to housing. Once the maximum 582 vouchers are used, if anyone else has a voucher in-hand and are still actively looking for housing, the Housing Authority will work with them on alternative solutions, such as other types of available vouchers and other affordable housing units coming online. Currently, there are 342 EHV holders in the city waiting to be connected with housing.

More information about HACLB is available at [longbeach.gov/haclb](https://longbeach.gov/haclb).

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**6/14/2023**

Press Release # 061423-4FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Long Beach City Council Approves City's Acquisition of Long Beach Rescue Mission Property to Serve as Permanent, Year-Round Shelter for People Experiencing Homelessness**

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Long Beach, CA – At the June 13, 2023, meeting, the Long Beach City Council approved with a 9 to 0 vote the authorization for the purchase of property, located at 702 W. Anaheim St. and currently owned by the Long Beach Rescue Mission, Inc., to be utilized by the City of Long Beach as a permanent, year-round shelter for people experiencing homelessness. This acquisition comes in response to the City's local homelessness emergency proclamation and expanded efforts to increase access to interim housing, services and connections to permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness in Long Beach.

“The acquisition of this facility is a key milestone in our progress since proclaiming a local emergency on homelessness and a key component in our efforts expand pathways out of homelessness,” said Mayor Rex Richardson. “By offering a safe place to sleep and supportive resources, interim shelters offer a fundamental foundation for rest, stability and assistance. I am grateful to our City Council and to Supervisor Hahn and the entire Board of Supervisors for their commitment.”

Interim shelters are critical components to addressing the immediate needs of people experiencing homelessness while the City, County and other regional partners continue to work towards addressing the root causes of homelessness and increase permanent housing resources and options. Interim housing programs offer safe and stable sleeping environments and basic needs like restrooms, showers and daily meals. Offering a foundation so that individuals can meet these basic needs, coupled with case management services, allows people the time, stability and connection to resources needed to work toward permanent housing and other life-changing pathways out of homelessness.

While the City has significantly increased the number of locally funded interim beds since 2020, there is still a gap in permanent, year-round shelter services, especially considering City shelters are regularly at capacity. Opening this permanent year-round shelter would be the third City-owned shelter in Long

Beach, with three more shelters about to enter construction and each with an anticipated opening date in less than a year. These efforts will help address the service gap in the City's Continuum of Care.

Implementing an ongoing interim shelter facility was identified as one of the short-term goals established at the start of the City's local homelessness emergency proclamation on Jan. 10, 2023. Shortly following the proclamation, the City sent a [letter](#) to Los Angeles County requesting assistance to strengthen the coordination of emergency resources and, as a result, the County, with support from Supervisor Janice Hahn and Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport, committed to providing \$6.5 million toward the acquisition and rehabilitation of the permanent facility for shelter and homeless services.

"This is another example of how Long Beach has shown leadership time and time again with their willingness to address the homeless crisis head on. We are going to need these shelter beds as we work to bring people off the streets and get them the help they need to move into permanent housing," said Supervisor Janice Hahn of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. "This project is an important part of the partnership between the City and the County of Los Angeles and puts Measure H tax dollars to work right here in Long Beach."

The Long Beach Rescue Mission agreed to sell the property to the City for \$7.2 million. Funding for this acquisition, totaling approximately \$13.2 million including tenant improvements, will come from the \$6.5 million commitment from the County, \$5.7 million from the City's Measure A Funds and the remaining one million dollars from the City's General Fund. Once the acquisition process is complete, the property will eventually undergo necessary upgrades such as Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems, plumbing systems, sewer, ongoing remediation activities and other enhancements, to ensure suitable, safe and welcoming conditions. An exact timeline for these repairs to be conducted is still being determined. The City has been leasing the property from the Long Beach Rescue Mission and utilizing it as a [temporary emergency shelter](#) for people experiencing homelessness since April.

"We're thrilled to officially welcome this new City asset as a permanent, year-round shelter for people experiencing homelessness here in Long Beach," said First District Councilwoman Mary Zendejas. "Having served as a Winter Shelter location in the past, coupled with its current use as an emergency shelter, we are confident this facility will help enhance our outreach, engagement and case management for these residents."

The permanent shelter will offer three meals per day, onsite showers and restrooms, and access to a variety of case management services, including housing-focused case management, screening for housing programs, assistance obtaining identification and documents and connections to behavioral health resources, among other services provided by the Multi-Service Center. Sleeping quarters will be congregate at first, with plans to create individual living spaces in the future. Shelter operations will continue to be provided by First to Serve Ministries, Inc. until a longer-term service provider is determined through the City's official procurement process. The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services Homeless Services Bureau will continue to coordinate and serve as a liaison between the City, First to Serve Ministries and the County.

"I've been so encouraged by this process with the City. It has been a collaborative effort to make this happen with the result that more impactful programs will be offered to those experiencing homelessness in our city. Greater bed capacity gives us the ability to help more men, women and children receive the



support they need to overcome homelessness,” said Long Beach Rescue Mission Executive Director Jeff Levine. “This collaboration does not end when the sale closes. It is an ongoing partnership to alleviate the suffering of those in greatest need in our city.”

In order to access shelter services, people will first need a referral from the Multi-Service Center (MSC), located at 1301 W. 12th St., or Mobile Access Center (June schedule available [here](#)).

The City first shared news of the impending acquisition during a [press conference](#) held on June 9, 2023. Prior to opening the temporary emergency shelter at the property, the City conducted a community meeting on April 13, 2023, to share the proposed plans of an emergency shelter, which was met with overwhelmingly positivity and expressed recommendations to make the shelter permanent.

The City conducted additional community outreach regarding the pending acquisition and has also committed to future outreach, should the current services provided at the site change to other uses to support those experiencing homelessness. Community members also had the opportunity to participate in public comment for this item in-person at the City Council meeting, which was met with support.

Additional information about other shelter beds and interim housing offered by the City and its partners is available at [longbeach.gov/homelessness/homeless-services](https://longbeach.gov/homelessness/homeless-services).

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**6/14/2023**

Press Release # 061423-5FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **City of Long Beach Extends Overnight Safe Parking Program South of Downtown Through 2023**

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Long Beach, CA – Following the success of the Safe Parking Program just south of Downtown, the City of Long Beach will continue emergency operations of its Safe Parking Program with a temporary site in the area through 2023 while the City also seeks a location for a permanent site. The City's Safe Parking

Program provides a safe, dignified environment for people currently sheltering in their vehicles to park overnight while receiving access to basic needs and being connected to services.

To accommodate the extension of the program in the area just south of Downtown, the City relocated the original temporary Safe Parking site to the SouthShore Launch Ramp parking lot, a nearby vacant lot just north on Queensway. The South Shore Lot has capacity for 26 vehicles, which is in line with current demand and could expand if needed. The City intends to operate a Safe Parking Program in this general area throughout 2023, either at SouthShore Launch Ramp or in the previous location off of Queensway depending on capacity needs, scheduled activities and accommodation of the many uses that operate in that area.

In addition to offering access to various amenities and resources, including a pet relief area, restrooms and hand washing stations, the relocated site provides two security guards and a Homeless Services Bureau staff member on site to connect clients with services and offer housing-focused case management.

When the City first [opened](#) the original temporary site on March 20, 2023, it was pre-determined it would only operate in that location for a period of approximately two months, due to pre-existing summer events taking place in the vicinity. With the South Shore Lot in operation, this more than doubles the originally anticipated time the Safe Parking Program was going to be operating in the area, providing more relief to people sheltering in their vehicles in Long Beach.

People interested in participating in the Safe Parking Program must first receive a referral from the Multi-Service Center (MSC), located at 1301 W. 12th St., or through outreach, including the [Mobile Access Center](#).

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**6/10/2023**

Press Release # 061023FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Long Beach's Mobile Access Center Continues Homeless Services Outreach Throughout June**

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Long Beach, CA - The City of Long Beach is continuing deployment of its Mobile Access Center (MAC) in select areas throughout June, conducting outreach in similar areas as the month of May so that Homeless Services Bureau staff can continue to conduct meaningful engagement and relationship building, an essential component in increasing access to resources and services. The June MAC schedule also includes new locations in the Belmont Shore and East Village areas.

This month, the MAC will be stationed at the following locations from 9 a.m. to noon:

- **Mondays**- Los Altos and Belmont Shore
  - June 12: North Los Altos Shopping Center parking lot, northeast of Stearns Street and Bellflower Boulevard intersection, and will be focused on transition and establishing continued care with participants from that location.
  - June 19: The MAC will not operate in observance of Juneteenth.
  - June 26: 2nd Street and Bay Shore Avenue near Bay Shore Neighborhood Library (195 Bay Shore Ave.) in Belmont Shore.
- **Tuesdays** - Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.), Atlantic Avenue side of park.
- **Wednesdays** - Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway), Pacific Avenue side of Library.
- **Thursdays** - Drake/Chavez Soccer Fields (903-999 Fairbanks Ave.). Van will be parked facing Los Angeles River near the parking lot located on De Forest Avenue just south of the soccer fields.
- **Fridays** - Alamitos Beach Parking Lot near the south end of the parking lot, parking lot of Shoreline Dr. and Beach Access Rd.

The MAC will also be available from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the locations listed below:

- **Mondays** – Ximeno Avenue near Traffic Circle
  - Note: The MAC will not operate on Monday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.

### **Tuesdays –**

Ramona Park and East Village

- June 13 and 27: Ramona Park (3301 E. 65th St.)
- June 20: East Village (Near Linden Avenue and Broadway)

- **Wednesdays** – 6th Street and Long Beach Boulevard, on 6th Street between Long Beach Boulevard and Elm Avenue.

The City is actively finalizing logistics for the deployment of a second MAC vehicle, which is expected to begin service next month.

In May the City first launched the afternoon MAC hours to allow outreach staff to engage with more individuals and follow up with existing clients, which garnered approximately 52 afternoon visits from May 1 through May 30. In total, the MAC encountered and offered 284 people experiencing homelessness services in May, of which 164 interactions were made at the new locations.

To date, the MAC has 1,248 recorded engagements with people experiencing homelessness, and of those engagements, services have been provided to 685 people, including referral and transport to shelter, enrollment into the homeless services system, connections to community resources and basic services.

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**6/9/2023**

Press Release # 060923-2FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Long Beach City Council to Discuss Acquisition of Long Beach Rescue Mission Property to Serve as Permanent, Year-Round Shelter for People Experiencing Homelessness**

Los Angeles County commits \$6.5 million towards the acquisition

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Long Beach, CA – During the June 13, 2023, meeting, the Long Beach City Council will discuss and vote on the authorization for the purchase of property located at 702 W. Anaheim Street currently owned by the Long Beach Rescue Mission, Inc. that, if acquired by the City, will be utilized as a permanent, year-round shelter for people experiencing homelessness.



“This acquisition is game changer with many benefits, establishing a permanent space for the annual Winter Shelter program, increasing access to interim housing and, ultimately, connections to permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness, and also enabling our partners at the Long Beach Rescue Mission to expand their capacity and impact,” said Mayor Rex Richardson. “We are extremely grateful for the support of Supervisor Hahn and our County partners. I look forward to discussing this opportunity with the City Council next week.”

On Jan. 10, 2023, the City Council [adopted](#) a proclamation of a local homelessness emergency, allowing the City to facilitate requests to other local, State and/or Federal jurisdictions and allow the City Manager, or designee, to take preventative measures necessary to protect persons and property within the scope of the local emergency. The City has been in regular communication with Los Angeles County about partnership opportunities to address the homelessness emergency and, on Jan. 31, 2023, the City sent a [letter](#) to LA County Chief Executive Officer, Fesia Davenport, and the Board of Supervisors requesting assistance to strengthen coordination of emergency resources, expand opportunities for affordable housing and shelter in the region, expand mental health services, distribute funding more equitably, and streamline service delivery between the City and County. With the support of Supervisor Janice Hahn and CEO Davenport, the County has committed to providing \$6.5 million toward the acquisition and rehabilitation of a permanent facility for shelter and homeless services.

“This property is going to be an asset in our effort to bring people inside in Long Beach. If we are going to get a handle on the homelessness crisis, we need reliable interim shelter beds that we can use at a moment’s notice to help a person off the streets,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn who spearheaded getting the \$6.5 million from the County for the purchase. “I applaud Mayor Rex



Richardson and Councilwoman Zendejas for their leadership in this effort, and I am proud that I could bring County funding to this deal to make it work.”

In response to the City's emergency proclamation and the winddown of this year's Winter Shelter Program, which concluded operations on April 28, 2023, City staff

identified the availability of the privately-owned property, which had been listed for sale by the Long Beach Rescue Mission Foundation, Inc. The property, formerly utilized by the City as a Winter Shelter Program location, was made available to the City for short-term use, serving as a critical resource to continue providing emergency shelter after the Community Hospital Winter Shelter concluded operations. To that end, a short-term lease was negotiated under the emergency orders, and the City has been utilizing the property as an 85-bed [temporary emergency shelter](#) since April 27, 2023.

Given the property's former and current use as shelter space, as well as the partnership from the County to assist with the acquisition of a permanent facility, the City submitted an offer to the Long Beach Rescue Mission, which agreed to sell the property to the City for the purchase price of \$7.2 million. In addition to acquisition costs, an additional amount not to exceed \$5.7 million will be needed to provide upgrades to the facility including Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems, plumbing systems and sewer, bringing the total acquisition and tenant improvement costs to approximately \$13.2 million. Funding for this acquisition will come from the \$6.5 million commitment from the County, \$5.7 million from the City's Measure A Funds and the remaining one million dollars from the City's General Fund.

“The City's acquisition and use of this property will allow us to continue to provide much needed relief to our residents who are unhoused,” said First District Councilwoman Mary Zendejas. “I am honored to welcome this new City asset to our community, and I look forward to discussing this item with my Council colleagues.”

Shelter operations will continue to be provided by First to Serve Ministries, Inc., which provides services such as intake, case management, onsite showers and restrooms, and three meals daily, and will further provide security and transportation assistance for shelter participants to and from the shelter location. Additionally, shelter participants will have access to a variety of case management services, including housing-focused case management and case management that focus on establishing improved health and economic sufficiency; screening for housing programs;



assistance obtaining identification and documents; and connections to behavioral health resources, among other services provided by the Multi-Service Center.

The Long Beach Health and Human Services Department's Homeless Services Bureau will continue to coordinate and serve as a liaison between the City, First to Serve Ministries and the County to ensure the delivery of services as well as oversee the procurement process for a longer-term service provider for the property, which will be presented to the City Council.

Opening an ongoing interim shelter facility was identified as one of the short-term goals established at the start of the local homelessness emergency proclamation on Jan. 10, 2023.

Prior to opening the temporary emergency shelter at the property, the City conducted a community meeting on April 13, 2023, to share the proposed plans of an emergency shelter, where participants of the meeting were able to ask questions, engage in discussions and share their feedback, which was met with overwhelmingly positivity and expressed recommendations to make the shelter permanent. The City has upheld its commitment to perform additional community outreach and has notified surrounding neighborhoods about this potential opportunity and has committed to future outreach, should the current services provided at the site change to other uses to support those experiencing homelessness.

Community members are welcome to participate in public comment for this item in-person at the City Council meeting.

For more information on the City's efforts to reduce homelessness in Long Beach, people may visit [longbeach.gov/homelessness](https://longbeach.gov/homelessness) and follow @lbhealthdept and @longbeachcity on social media and follow the hashtag #EveryoneHomeLB.

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June 5, 2023

**This letter is to notify you of an upcoming supplemental agenda item on 702 West Anaheim Street.**

In early spring 2023, the City identified 702 W. Anaheim Street, formerly known as the Long Beach Rescue Mission, to serve as a three-month emergency shelter after the closing of the temporary winter shelter at Community Hospital. Local outreach and engagement were conducted prior to the transition from Community Hospital to the former Long Beach Rescue Mission site. On April 13, 2023, the City held a community meeting to discuss the location of the temporary emergency shelter to which the City received resounding support.

Recently, the owner of the facility listed the property for sale and the City is considering purchasing the facility to serve as a year-round emergency shelter. In partnership with Los Angeles County, the City of Long Beach secured \$6.5 million in grant funding to assist with the potential purchase of the facility. The City's potential purchase of the Rescue Mission would provide a permanent winter shelter, other housing options and supportive services.

**The City is scheduled to present on Tuesday June 13, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. for City Council consideration. To provide public comment on this matter, please arrive to the City Council Civic Chambers at 411 West Ocean Boulevard on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.**

The City's stated mission is to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in the City and the region by increasing housing opportunities and by enhancing current initiatives that provide field-based outreach, engagement, and supportive services while maintaining the safety and security of the people experiencing homelessness, the general public and staff, and address and improve overall public safety for the entire community. We look forward to your public comment on this important matter.

To track the City's effort in the state of emergency, please visit [longbeach.gov/homelessness](https://longbeach.gov/homelessness). If organizations or neighbors have any questions about the upcoming supplemental agenda item, please e-mail: [HomelessServices@longbeach.gov](mailto:HomelessServices@longbeach.gov).



5 de junio de 2023

**Esta carta es para notificarle sobre un próximo punto de agenda suplementario en 702 West Anaheim Street.**

A principios de la primavera de 2023, la Ciudad identificó 702 W. Anaheim Street, anteriormente conocida como Long Beach Rescue Mission, para servir como refugio de emergencia durante tres meses después del cierre del refugio temporal de invierno en Community Hospital. El alcance y la participación locales se llevaron a cabo antes de la transición del Community Hospital al antiguo sitio de Long Beach Rescue Mission. El 13 de abril de 2023, la Ciudad realizó una reunión comunitaria para discutir la ubicación del refugio de emergencia temporal para el cual la Ciudad recibió un apoyo rotundo.

Recientemente, el propietario de la instalación puso la propiedad a la venta y la Ciudad está considerando comprar la instalación para que sirva como refugio de emergencia durante todo el año. En asociación con el condado de Los Ángeles, la ciudad de Long Beach obtuvo \$6.5 millones en subvenciones para ayudar con la posible compra de la instalación. La compra potencial de Rescue Mission por parte de la Ciudad proporcionaría un refugio de invierno permanente, otras opciones de vivienda y servicios de apoyo.

**El Ayuntamiento tiene previsto presentar el martes 13 de junio de 2023, a las 5:00 p.m. para la consideración del Concejo Municipal. Para proporcionar comentarios públicos sobre este asunto, llegue a las Cámaras Cívicas del Concejo Municipal en 411 West Ocean Boulevard el martes 13 de junio de 2023.**

La misión declarada de la Ciudad es reducir la cantidad de personas sin hogar en la Ciudad y la región aumentando las oportunidades de vivienda y mejorando las iniciativas actuales que brindan servicios de extensión, participación y apoyo en el campo, manteniendo la seguridad de las personas que experimentan personas sin hogar, el público en general y el personal, y abordar y mejorar la seguridad pública general para toda la comunidad. Esperamos sus comentarios públicos sobre este importante asunto.

Para seguir el esfuerzo de la Ciudad en el estado de emergencia, visite [longbeach.gov/homelessness](https://longbeach.gov/homelessness). Si las organizaciones o los vecinos tienen alguna pregunta sobre el próximo tema complementario de la agenda, envíe un correo electrónico a: [HomelessServices@longbeach.gov](mailto:HomelessServices@longbeach.gov).





# MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

June 1, 2023

The Honorable Pilar Schiavo  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4140  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: Support for AB 963 (Schiavo)—The End the Foster Care-to-Homelessness Pipeline Act**

Dear Assemblymember Schiavo,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of AB 963 (Schiavo). This bill would allow the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to guarantee qualified loans for the construction, acquisition, and renovation of housing for current and former foster youth between the ages of 18 and 25. The City supports legislation and funding that directly addresses the root causes of homelessness.

In California, roughly 60,000 children are in the foster care system. The City's [2023 Homeless Point in Time Count Report](#) revealed that a leading cause of homelessness is family disruption. The point in time count found that many unhoused adults experienced adverse childhood experiences, including entering the foster care system. In the count, 19 percent indicated that they were former foster youth. Furthermore, respondents who identified as having experienced trauma during their childhood were 34 percent more likely to be chronically homeless than individuals without childhood trauma. AB 963 will expand the number of affordable housing units available to current and former foster youth struggling with housing security.

Stable housing is a critical social determinant of health. The proposed legislation will accelerate housing construction statewide while supporting current and former foster youth. For these reasons, the City supports AB 963.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Rex Richardson  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, State Assembly, 69<sup>th</sup> District

## REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

**Date:** June 16, 2023

**To:** Monique De La Garza, City Clerk

**From:** Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

**Subject:** Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of June 20, 2023

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

**To continue the local emergency caused by conditions or threatened conditions of homelessness within the City of Long Beach, which if not corrected, constitute an imminent and proximate threat to the safety of persons and property within the City; and**

**Receive and file an update on the emergency declaration and associated activities and provide any additional direction to City staff regarding the emergency. (Citywide)**

<b>Council District</b>	<b>Authorizing Councilmember</b>	<b>Signed by</b>
1	Mary Zendejas	(Digital – attached email)
2	Cindy Allen	(Digital – attached email)
5	Megan Kerr	(Digital – attached email)