



Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness Update 14

City Council Meeting – Aug 08, 2023

Mission Statement

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.

Homelessness Strategic Plan

- The Statement of Possibility from the Everyone Home Homelessness Strategic Plan continues to define success in Long Beach in its mission to end homelessness.
- Statement of Possibility: The experience of homelessness in Long Beach is rare and brief when it occurs.



A nighttime photograph of a city waterfront. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the lights from buildings and palm trees. A large white boat with a red wheel is docked at a pier. In the background, several tall buildings are lit up, and palm trees are visible along the waterfront. The sky is dark, and the overall scene is illuminated by city lights.

Actions Taken in the Past Four Weeks

Progress on Goals

Increase access to services

- The Mobile Access Center (MAC) schedule for August was released and will operate Monday through Friday with varied hours and locations (<https://longbeach.gov/homelessness/homeless-services/>)
- Staff continue to provide case management services at the Queensway Safe Parking program Monday through Friday from 5-8pm

Mondays	9 a.m. - noon	Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.) parking lot.
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	Traffic Circle, in the area of Ximeno Avenue and East Atherton Street
Tuesdays	9 a.m. - noon	East Village, Christian Outreach in Action (515 E. 3 rd St.), parked on Linden Avenue.
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.), Atlantic Avenue side of park.
Wednesdays	9 a.m. - noon	Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway), Pacific Avenue side of Library
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	6 th Street & Long Beach Boulevard, on 6 th Street between Long Beach Boulevard & Elm Avenue
Thursdays	9 a.m. - noon	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	9 a.m. - noon	Alamitos Beach Parking Lot near the south end of the parking lot, parking lot of Shoreline Drive and Beach Access Rd.

Progress on Goals

Increase access to services (cont.)

- Hosted the fifth Donation Drive on July 29 at the Health Department for the Multi Service Center (MSC) with more than 2,000 items donated.
- Convened a subgroup of the Interdepartmental Team to address the specific needs for outreach and cleanup around Lincoln Park and the Billie Jean King Library.
- Increased outreach with the Interdepartmental team to the downtown area, focusing on various cleanups and outreach with LA County Public Works.
- Initiated more frequent and focused outreach and engagement at Houghton Park.



Progress on Goals

Engage Community in data, planning and assistance



- Refreshed data on Homelessness Emergency Dashboard on August 3rd.
- Continuing to collect data focused on coordinated outreach and participation of other agencies through the Interdepartmental team.
- Joined the Community Solutions Built For Zero movement. The City will focus on decreasing chronic homelessness and working towards a functional end to chronic homelessness.
- Updated the City's Resource Guide and worked to categorize the areas of focus for the Community Champions through the Community Engagement and Community Outreach workgroups.
- LA River emergency action cleanup began from Ocean to PCH on August 1.

Progress on Goals

Build capacity to address homelessness crisis

- Continued to research strategies and recommendations for homelessness prevention policies and programs through the Intergovernmental Workgroup.
- Received commitment from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to fund supportive services if Long Beach is awarded additional rental assistance through the annual Continuum of Care competition.
- Additional reassignment staff have been recruited for the 2nd Mobile Access Center (MAC).
- Awarded \$1.25 million through the Office of Senator Lena Gonzalez for homeless prevention efforts.

Progress on Goals

Build capacity to address homelessness crisis (cont.)

- The Long Beach Housing Authority issued its first of 78 stability vouchers.
- The City has begun the matching households to the project-based vouchers for 4 development projects that will open this year. The 4 projects will bring an additional 322 units of affordable housing to Long Beach with around 200 of those units being matched to people who are currently experiencing homelessness.

Sites include

- **Wellspring (Anaheim and Walnut)** – estimated completion is September 23.
 - 40 Total Units – 20 Family, 20 Formerly Homeless Seniors, 20 Extremely Low-Income Families
- **Heritage Gardens - 901 – 945 E PCH**
 - 34 Units Total – 18 VASH and 16 Senior
- **26 Point 2 - 3590 East PCH**
 - 77 Units Total - 76 Studio units for Special Needs/Formally Homeless PSH
- **The Cove – 900 River Ave.**
 - 90 Units - 60 VASH and 30 LACDA



Focus Areas for the Next Four Weeks

Focus For Next Four Weeks

Increase access to services

- Launch the second Mobile Access Center (MAC) by mid to late August.
- Continue partnership conversations with Health Services Los Angeles County and Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority.
- Continue to provide case management services at the Queensway Safe Parking program Monday through Friday from 5-8 pm.
- Continue working to update the Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher List.
- Coordinate outreach to RV's in the West Side businesses areas near the LA River and the Magnolia Industrial Group (MIG).
- Initiate outreach and engagement after hours at Lincoln Park on August 16.

Focus For Next Four Weeks

Engage Community in Data, Planning and Assistance

- Complete and launch a timeline of the emergency to be posted on the website to further educate people to the work of the emergency.
- Launch an initiative to better support water access during hot weather for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Initiative will work to provide water to community volunteers to distribute.
- Finalize an infographic document on who to contact for support when seeing someone experiencing homelessness.

Focus For Next Four Weeks

Build Capacity to Address the Homelessness Crisis

- Convene a larger meeting in October to connect and brainstorm with Community Champions who are supporting homeless related services across the City.
- Finalize Luxury Inn outreach and data collection plan; initiate outreach.
- Continue evaluating Port of Long Beach and other properties that can support additional homelessness services.
- Continue to work to commence construction activities on City-led capital improvements at the Multi-Service Center (Tiny Homes), Navigation Center, Best Western, and Luxury Inn.
- Continue researching policies related to preventing homelessness, coordinating with the appropriate subject matter experts, and drafting policy considerations.

Focus For Next Four Weeks

Increase Interim and Long-term Housing Access

- Finalize contracts with Rescue Mission for the 702 W. Anaheim Site for the long-term interim shelter.
- Homeless Services Bureau will be completing the annual renewal of Continuum of Care projects as well as identifying new projects to include within the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

A nighttime photograph of the Long Beach waterfront. The scene is illuminated by city lights, including a prominent Ferris wheel and several tall buildings. The lights are reflected in the calm water in the foreground. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Data Updates'.

Data Updates

2023 Homeless Count Comparison				
California Region	2022 Count	2023 Count	Difference	
			#	%
Long Beach CoC:	3,296	3,447	+151	+4.6
Los Angeles County:	69,144	75,518	+6,374	+9.2
Northern California CoCs (9):	20,969	20,370	-599	-2.9
Central California CoCs (4):	4,087	4,431	+344	+8.4
Southern California CoCs (11):	91,090	101,281	+10,191	+11.2
Total (24):	116,146	126,082	+9,936	+8.6

- Looking at the service areas adjacent to Long Beach the South Bay saw an increase of 2,031 (+46%) people experiencing homelessness and East Los Angeles saw an increase of 1,730 (+36%) people experiencing homelessness

Data

- In working to better define what accepted services means, outreach and the MAC have improved data tracking around services.

Street Outreach Top 5 Services	
Food and Drink	998
Case Management	988
Shelter Referral	565
ID Voucher	530
Mail Services	324

MAC Top 5 Services	
Case Management	258
ID Voucher	145
Food and Drink	137
Mail Services	81
Notry Service: Birth Certificate	58



Multi Service Center:
3,432 Interactions



MAC Engaged: 275
MAC Services Accepted: 173
MAC Enrollments: 72

Outreach Requests: 416
Outreach Contacts: 317



Permanent Housing
Program Enrollments:
57

Data

- Data demonstrate a rise in families becoming homeless since mid-2022, with a significant increase as eviction moratoriums ended earlier this year.

New Family Enrollees				
Month	2023	2022	2021	2020
Jan	92	18	23	49
Feb	57	17	24	38
Mar	166	15	18	37
Apr	89	30	14	13
May	86	31	33	24
Jun	98	23	26	23
Jul	66	52	22	48
Aug		50	15	57
Sep		42	15	56
Oct		41	28	39
Nov		56	17	34
Dec		61	17	51

* Family data is total number of person within all households



Thank you

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