



# Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness Update 12

City Council Meeting - June 20, 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 harbor. In the foreground, several boats are docked at a pier, their lights reflecting on the calm water. A large, multi-story building with a distinctive architectural style is visible in the background, illuminated against the dark sky. The overall scene is vibrant with city lights and reflections.

## Actions Taken in the Past Two Weeks

# Progress on Goals

## 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 (<https://longbeach.gov/homelessness/homeless-services/>)
- Opened new Queensway site and participants have transitioned to the new site

Mondays	9 a.m. - noon	Los Altos and Belmont Shore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 19: The MAC will not operate in observance of Juneteenth.</li> <li>• June 26: 2nd Street and Bay Shore Avenue near Bay Shore Neighborhood Library (195 Bay Shore Ave.) in Belmont Shore.</li> </ul>
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	Ximeno Avenue near Traffic Circle
Tuesdays	9 a.m. - noon	Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.), Atlantic Avenue side of park
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	Ramona Park & East Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 20: East Village (Near Linden Avenue and Broadway)</li> <li>• June 27: Ramona Park (3301 E. 65th St.)</li> </ul>
Wednesdays	9 a.m. - noon	Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway), Pacific Avenue side of Library
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	6 <sup>th</sup> Street & Long Beach Boulevard, on 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 Dr. and Beach Access Rd.



# Progress on Goals

## Engage Community in data, planning and assistance

- Refreshed existing data elements 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
  - Canvassed 42 Businesses
  - Engaged 8 Community Partners (neighborhood associations and non-profits)
  - Letters were mailed to residents who live within 200 ft of the property



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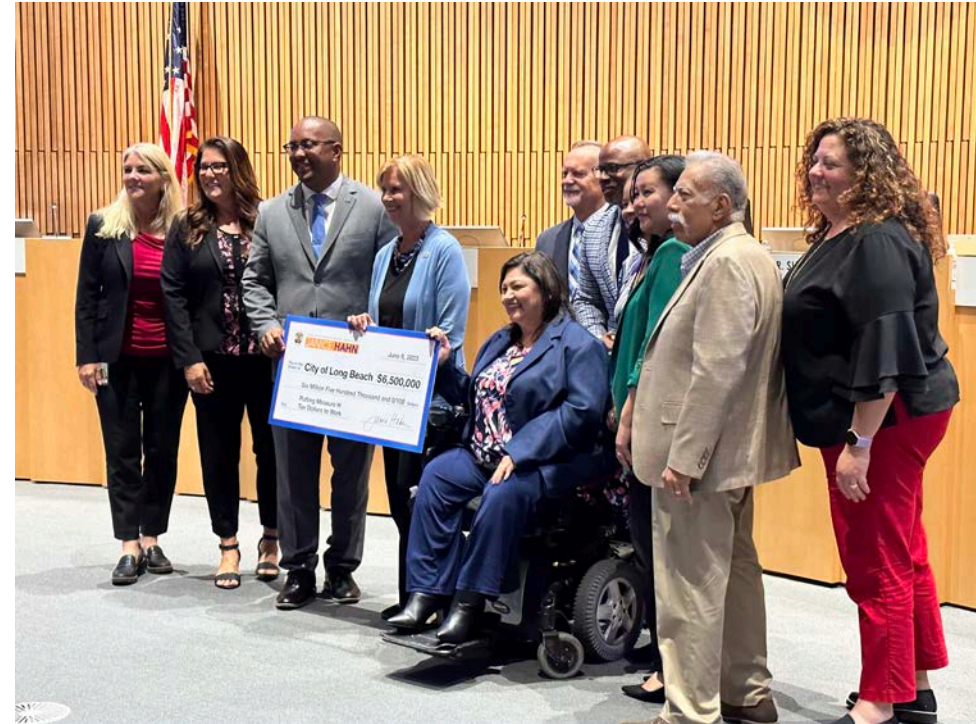
## **Build capacity to address homelessness crisis**

- 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

# Progress on Goals

## 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
- Received \$6.5 million from LA County to support the purchase and rehabilitation of the building.





A nighttime photograph of a city waterfront. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the lights from buildings and streetlights. A large, multi-story building with a distinctive top section is prominent on the right. Palm trees and other vegetation are illuminated with colorful lights. In the background, several other buildings are visible, some with lights on. The overall scene is vibrant and colorful.

## Focus Areas for the Next Four Weeks

# Focus For Next Four Weeks

## **Increase access to services**

- Continue partnership conversations with LA County Department of Health Services and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) including discussion of Service Area 8 presence at the MSC
- 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

# Focus For Next Four Weeks

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

- Finalize planning for the Interfaith Convening, scheduled for Thursday, June 22 at Grace Long Beach, 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
  - Topics include:
    - The State of Homelessness in Long Beach
    - Faith Community & Homeless Services
    - Counseling and Programming
    - Increasing Shelter Sites and Partnering with Services Providers
    - Increasing Access to Food Resources
    - Faith Community and Prevention
    - Housing Production on Faith Land
    - Renters Rights, Organizing and Policy Advocacy
- Preparing data dashboard update to include homeless count data – to release on July 6



# Focus For Next Four Weeks

## **Build capacity to address the homeless crisis**

- Continue evaluating Port of Long Beach and other properties that can support additional homelessness services
- City staff met with Long Beach City College on June 15th to discuss opportunities for partnership and furthering support for additional homelessness services

# 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
- 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.

**Thank you**

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