



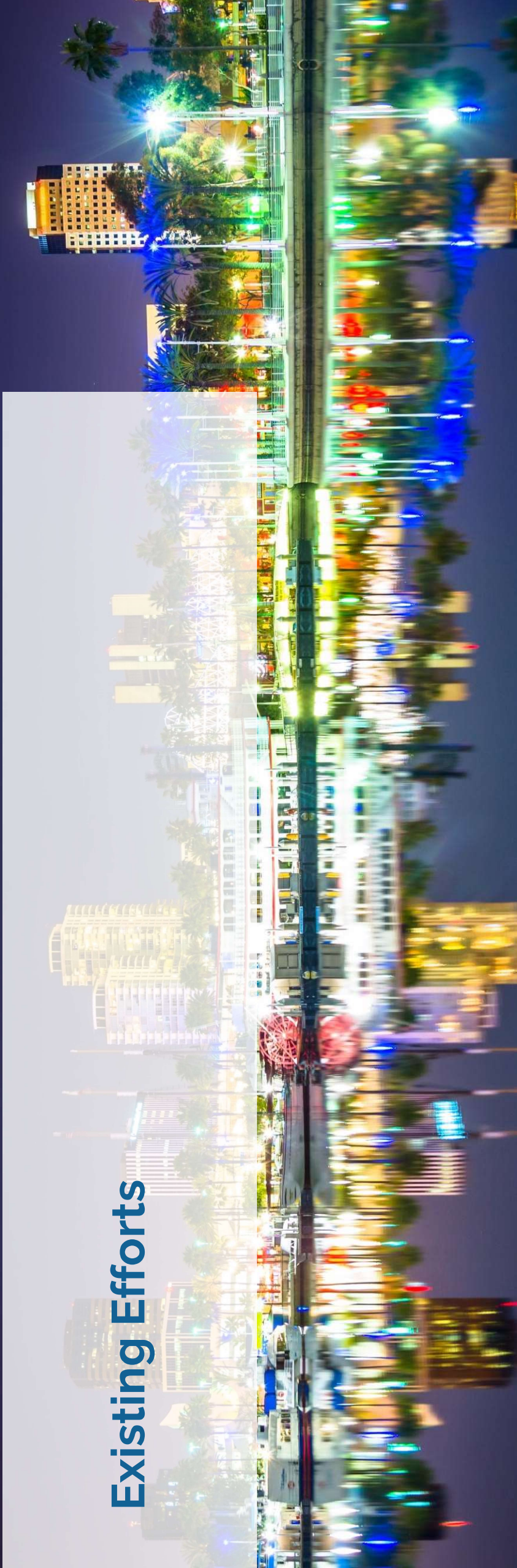
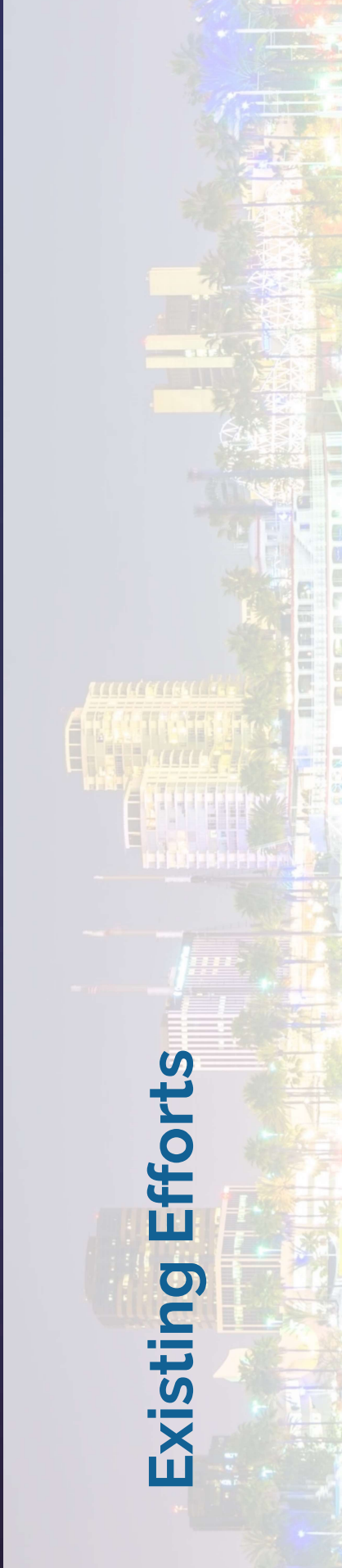
# Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness Update 1

City Council, January 24, 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.

# Existing Efforts



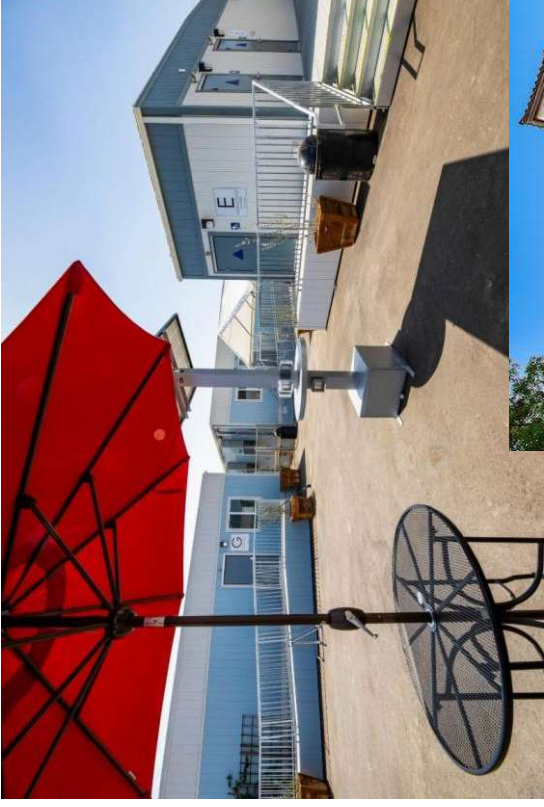
# Existing Services

- Multi Service Center
  - Mail Services
  - Workforce Connection
  - Showers
  - Case Management
  - Health Care
- Outreach
  - Outreach
  - REACH
  - Mobile Access Clinic
  - Library Outreach Workers
  - Quality of Life Teams



# Existing Services

- Interim Housing
  - Congregate
    - Atlantic Bridge Farms – 125 beds
  - Non-Congregate
    - Best Western –101 Beds
    - Hyland: Master leased 40 bed motel for Encampment Resolution
    - MSC Modulares: 34 beds in planning
    - Luxury Inn: 78 beds in planning
- Permanent Housing
  - 582 Emergency Housing Vouchers
  - 6,750 HCV utilized
  - Integrated Case Management





# Interjurisdictional MOUs

## **Caltrans MOU**

- Has been finalized and will run through 6/30/2024
- \$1.5M through Clean California Funds to cover 21 high priority locations
- 1 Crew – 5 Maintenance Assistants
- Additional protocols for when persons experiencing homelessness are identified

## **County MOU**

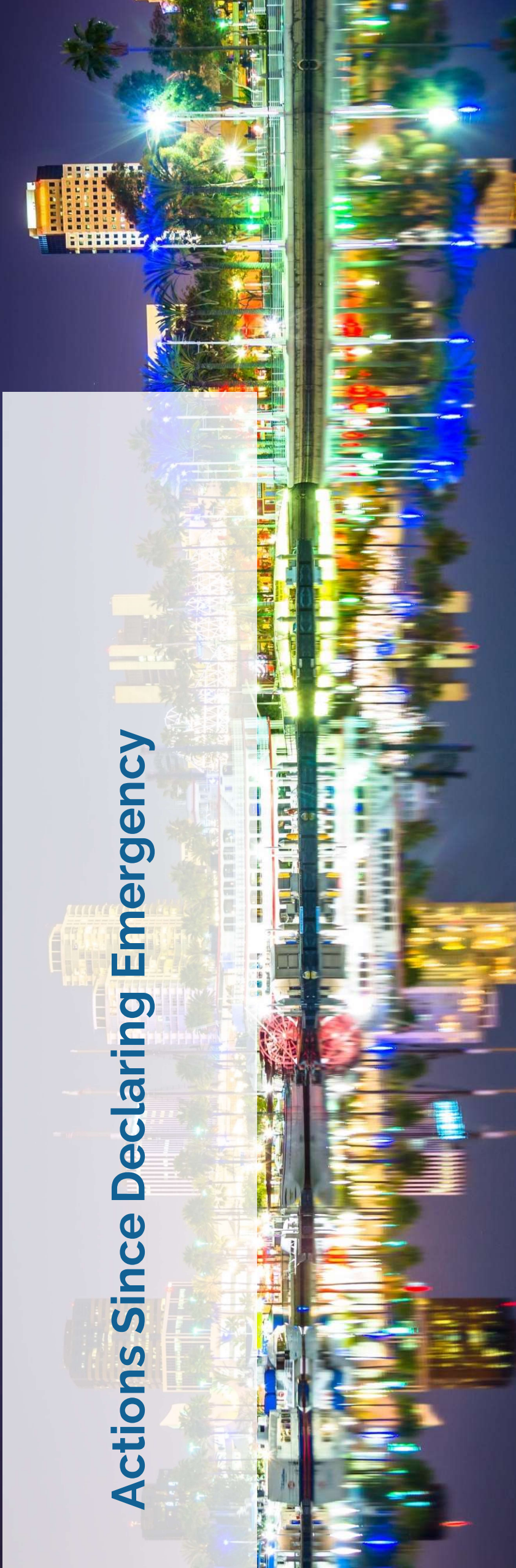
- Draft MOU being reviewed by the County for addressing homelessness in the flood control
- Proposal focuses on funding for the Clean Team

# Response to Questions from Previous Meeting

# Definitions

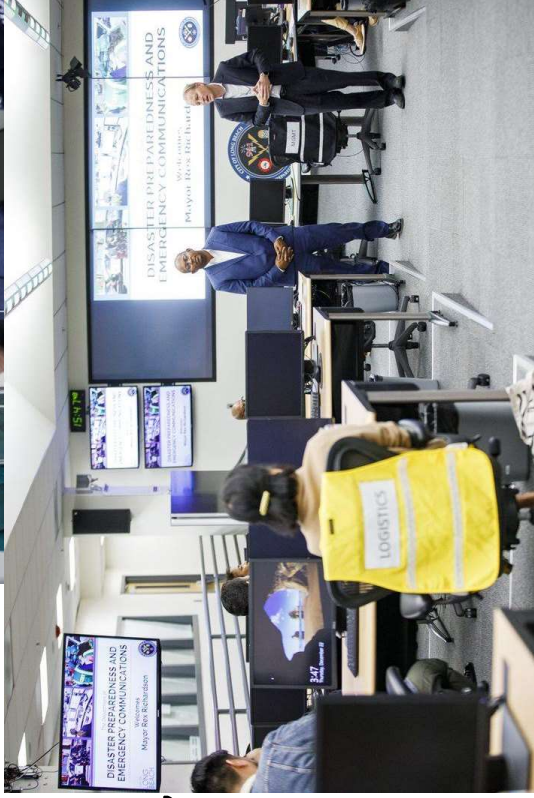
- Falling Into Homelessness:
  - Number of people receiving prevention services so they do not lose their housing
  - People in the annual count who are experiencing homelessness for their first time
  - Number of people enrolling in homeless services programs for the first time
- Efforts to reduce violence:
  - Engaging people experiencing homelessness into services, workforce opportunities and housing so they are no longer living unsheltered and can maintain permanent shelter
  - Violence interruption strategies to reduce retaliation after violent behaviors
  - Strategies to rebuild hope for people living on the streets so the negative impact of criminal behavior feels more consequential than living on the street

# Actions Since Declaring Emergency



# Actions to Date

- Created a mission statement and focus areas for the emergency, and designated nine topic-specific workgroups
- Informed all City employees about the emergency and that reassignment may be needed as disaster service workers
- Staffed the Emergency Operations Center, dedicating over 100 leaders from the City team
- Embedded the Equity Officer in the response to ensure equity considerations in policies, priorities, and resource allocations
- Announced the response at Billie Jean King Library and the immediate focus on the Downtown Area



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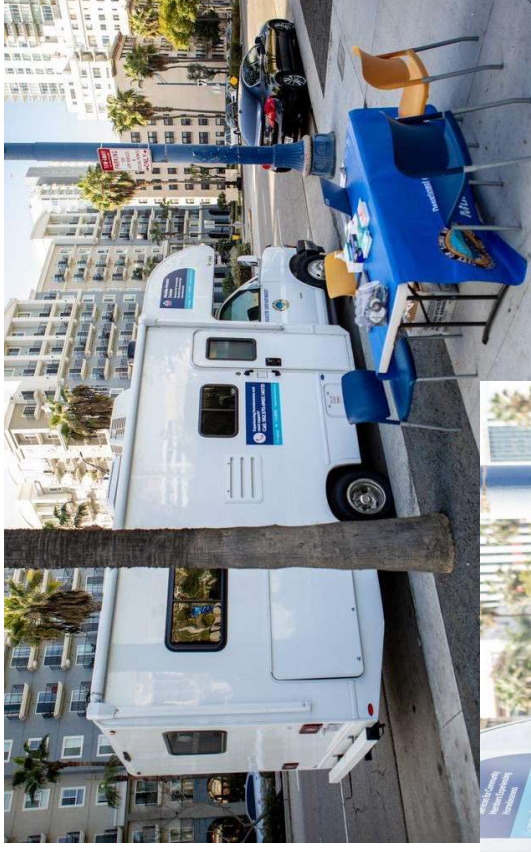
- Launched a donation effort through the Mayor's Fund for Homeless Action for funding and supplies
- Kicked off the City's weekly update program to the community which takes place every Tuesday at 11:00 AM
- Announced the incentives available for landlords who participate in the Emergency Housing Voucher program
- Received authority from City Council to expedite the review and approval of land acquisition and facility improvements required to address the emergency.
- On today's agenda is a request to modify the Job Order Contracts (JOC) Program in the Department of Public Works to allow staff to expedite project delivery for required homelessness response facility improvements



# Actions to Date

Launched the Mobile Access Vehicle (MAC)

- Currently located in downtown Long Beach
- Currently providing 10 hours of expanded services; will expand to 30 hours/week
- Services include
  - Intake and assessment for services
  - Case management services
  - Vital document attainment
  - Sign-up for mail services
  - Linkage with shelter opportunities
  - Basic medical screening and support with care coordination
  - Referrals for mental health services



# Focus Areas in Next Two Weeks



# Forthcoming Actions

- Launch the Mobile Command Center in downtown Long Beach
- Announce an additional Emergency Winter Shelter site with at least 80 new beds
- Announce a new Safe Parking Site with 50 spaces
- Announce an RV Sewer Dump Station
- Launch business partnerships through grant programs for damaged businesses
- Launch partnerships with the Business Improvement Districts for safety, cleaning, and activation

# Additional Forthcoming Actions

- Further development of the emergency response efforts through the nine identified workgroups
- Development of a proposed budget to support the response effort for City Council consideration
- Work underway to develop data dashboard
- Efforts to Engage Partners
  - Long Beach Harbor, Water and Transit
  - Educational partners such as City College, LBUSD, and Cal State Long Beach
  - LA Metro
  - County of Los Angeles
  - Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) in a discussion of regional cooperation to address regional homelessness response and services



**Thank you**

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