



Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness Update 13

City Council Meeting – July 11, 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.



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RECOMMENDATIONS**

A nighttime photograph of a city waterfront. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the lights from buildings and palm trees. A large, multi-story building with a distinctive tower is visible in the background. The scene is illuminated by various colored lights, including blue, green, and yellow. The text "Actions Taken in the Past Three Weeks" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Actions Taken in the Past Three Weeks

Progress on Goals

Increase access to services

- The Mobile Access Center (MAC) schedule for July 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

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| Mondays | 9 a.m. - noon | 2nd Street and Bay Shore Avenue near Bay Shore Neighborhood Library (195 Bay Shore Ave.) in Belmont Shore. |
| | 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

Engage Community in data, planning and assistance

- Interdepartmental team began to collect data focused on coordinated outreach and participation of other agencies
- On June 22, the Interfaith Convening brought together faith-based organizations from across the city who are committed to supporting the efforts of not only the emergency response, but ongoing efforts after the emergency has been lifted
- The Community Partnership Work Group solicited the help of the Community Engagement Work Group and assisted in the update of the City's Resource Guide, finalized all items for the Interfaith Convening (known as Elevate), and worked to categorize the areas of focus for the Community Champions



Progress on Goals

Build capacity to address homelessness crisis

- The Intergovernmental Work Group has identified leads to coordinate the various prevention “policy pathways” and drafted a framework to guide the City’s work as it relates to prevention policy
- Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and Mayor Richardson were in Sacramento to advocate for the City’s homelessness & housing priorities
- Intergovernmental Work Group led the initial kickoff meeting for the prevention policy work
- The Intergovernmental Work Group submitted a support letter for SB 407 (Wiener), strengthening the resource family approval process for LGBTQ+ youth
- The Intergovernmental Work Group submitted a support letter for AB 1657 (Wicks), which would place a \$10 billion bond measure on the March 2024 ballot to support the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing and permanent supportive housing



A nighttime photograph of a city waterfront. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the lights from buildings and palm trees. A large, multi-story building with a distinctive tower is prominent on the right. The sky is dark, and the overall scene is illuminated by warm and cool lights from the city.

Focus Areas for the Next Four Weeks

Focus For Next Four Weeks

Increase access to services

- Launch the second Mobile Access Center (MAC)
- Continue partnership conversations with Health Services Los Angeles County and LAHSA
- Increase outreach with the Interdepartmental team in the downtown area, focusing on various cleanups and outreach with L.A. County Public Works
- Convene a subgroup of the Interdepartmental team to address the specific needs for outreach and cleanup around Lincoln Park and Billie Jean King Main Library
- Housing Authority will continue working to update its Housing Choice Voucher list
- Coordinate outreach to RVs in the West Side businesses areas near the L.A. River and the Magnolia Industrial Group (MIG)

Focus For Next Four Weeks

Engage Community in Data, Planning and Assistance

- Refreshing data on Homelessness Emergency Dashboard and include PIT Count Data on July 13
- Complete and launch a timeline of the emergency to be posted on the website to further educate people to the work of the emergency

Focus For Next Four Weeks

Build Capacity to Address the Homelessness Crisis

- 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
- Work with Long Beach education institutions toward convening educational institutions and ECE providers
- 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



Thank you

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