

## HSAC Values and Priorities

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WE, the Homeless Service Advisory Committee, aim to make every effort to incorporate the values listed below within the scope of the committee. These values are how we approach, accomplish, and assess our work in the development of recommendations that are set forth to the Board and City personnel.

- **People-Centered and Compassion Driven:** The focus is on understanding individual experiences and accepting each person's unique interests; everyone holds value that is not measured on their conditions, disabilities, and environment.
- **Dignity and Worth of a Person:** The treatment of people must be caring and respectful that includes being mindful of the cultural and individuals' diversity.
- **Self-Determination:** Support and recognize that self-determination is a right; individuals are allowed to make their own choices and decisions.
- **Community Centered:** Strive to build and enhance Long Beach as community. Being a member of a community is key to individual growth and support, it can nurture humanity and self-confidence in oneself and others.
- **Lived Experiences:** Empower people with lived experience to be part of decision making and policy development process.
- **Multiple Frameworks:** The development of a multi-approach strategy to address the complexity of homelessness and to meet individuals' needs and assets.
- **Recovery Orientated:** Recovery programs should focus on the individual's strength and resilience to improve mental health, substance use at their own pace and without judgment.
- **Safe, Stable and Affordable Housing:** The acknowledgement of Housing First model as safe, stable, and affordable housing is necessary for health and economic security.
- **Best Practices:** Invest in solutions that work using best practices and evidence-based services models.
- **Equity-Driven Data:** Data should be assessed through the lens of equity which will serve those with the greatest need.
- **General wellbeing:** Health is not solely physical but emotional, that can go beyond mental deterioration and addiction, and equally pertinent to individual's wellbeing and quality of life.

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- **Local Funding:** The establishment of a local source of funding to help sustainably support housing and homeless services.
- **Safety Net:** The development of a robust safety net through the economic recovery that help individuals and families from falling into homelessness.

- **Alternative Housing Models:** Work on building affordable housing and other alternative housing models, which may include sanction encampments, tiny communities (modules), and compassionate shelters (dormitory style housing).