



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE

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Housing and Community Development Committee

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# Homeless Initiative

- Seizing the moment: Historic opportunity to combat homelessness throughout Los Angeles County
- Initial Goal: Develop a comprehensive set of recommended County strategies to combat homelessness, including strategies in which cities can participate
- Inclusive and collaborative planning process



# Timeline

- Oct. 1 – Dec. 3, 2015: 18 policy summits - 9 key topics
- Nov. 2015 – Jan. 2016: Focus groups with current and formerly homeless adults
- Jan. 7, 2016: Draft recommendations posted online for public comment
- Jan. 13, 2016: 500-person Community Meeting on draft recommendations
- Jan. 21, 2016: Public comment period ended – over 200 comments received
- Feb. 9, 2016: Board of Supervisors' approval



# Community Engagement





# Recommended Strategies

47 strategies divided into six areas:

- Prevent Homelessness
- Subsidize Housing
- Increase Income
- Provide Case Management and Services
- Create a Coordinated System
- Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing



# Key Principles

- Collaboration among the County, cities and community partners
- Investing in proven strategies
- Leveraging mainstream health, social services, and criminal justice systems
- Seamless, client-centered services



# Phase I Strategies

- Homeless Prevention Program for Families (A1)
- Provide Subsidized Housing to Homeless Disabled Individuals Pursuing SSI (B1)
  - Potential State Role: Establish a revolving fund to match county and city contributions for housing subsidies. The State could recover its contribution for individuals approved for SSI and use the recovered funding for subsidies for other disabled homeless individuals.



# Phase I Strategies continued

- Partner with Cities to Expand Rapid Rehousing (B3)
  - Potential State Role: Match county and city contributions for rapid rehousing for homeless families and individuals who have a good chance of being able to pay their own rent in 6-12 months, typically through employment.
- Facilitate Utilization of Federal Housing Subsidies (B4)



# Phase I Strategies continued

- Interim/Bridge Housing for Those Exiting Institutions (B7)
  - Potential State Role: Match county and city contributions for up to 3 months of bridge housing for individuals exiting jails, hospitals, prison, foster care, juvenile probation, and the military.
- Housing Choice Vouchers for Permanent Supportive Housing (B8)
  - Potential State Role: Incentivize public housing authorities to dedicate Section 8 vouchers to chronically homeless families and individuals by providing funding for supportive services.



# Phase I Strategies continued

- Increase Employment for Homeless Adults by Supporting Social Enterprise (C2)
- Expand Jail In-Reach (D2)
- First Responders Training and Decriminalization Policy (E4/E5)



# Phase I Strategies continued

- Countywide Outreach System (E6)
- Enhance the Emergency Shelter System (E8)
  - Potential State Role: Match county and city contributions to enable emergency shelters to remain open 24/7 and function as an effective platform for access to ongoing housing and services.



# Opportunities for Cities

- Unprecedented partnership opportunities by:
  - Contributing city funding toward rapid rehousing
  - Dedicating federal housing subsidies to permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless
  - Ensuring law enforcement and first responders effectively engage homeless families/individuals
  - Using land use policy to maximize the availability of homeless/affordable housing
- Regional Summit to Combat Homelessness: County in collaboration with 88 cities



# Homeless Housing Gap

## Additional Housing Units Needed

Type of Housing	Total Gap (units)
Permanent Supportive Housing	15,341
Rapid Re-Housing	8,376
Emergency Shelter	2,279
Prevention	2,555

Source: [Homeless Housing Gaps in the County of Los Angeles](#)  
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, January 2016



# Homeless Housing Gap - Cost

<b>Annual Ongoing Cost to fill the Gap</b> (Excluding Construction)	<b>\$429 million</b> (\$121 million of this cost can be avoided if 50% of turnover Section 8 vouchers are dedicated to Permanent Supportive Housing)
<b>Additional Annual One-time Cost over 5 years</b> (Excluding Construction)	<b>\$117 million</b>