

Guiding Principles and Practices for Local Responses to Unsheltered Homelessness

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Background

- Purpose: what the guidance addresses
- Process: how it was developed

Summary

- Policy overview

Next Steps

- Commission approval
- Toolkit development

Background: Purpose

- To address the health and safety stressors caused by unsheltered homelessness
- To help municipalities ensure that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness are afforded safe, accessible places for themselves and their belongings
- To set a framework for the future development of a resource toolkit

Unsheltered homelessness effects the whole region

- **LA County:** 39,396 unsheltered people (75% of total)
 - By SPA: From 2,500 (SPA 1) to 10,500 people (SPA 4)
- **LA City:** 22,887 unsheltered people (73% of total)
 - By City Council District (CD): From 550 to 4,650 people

Background: Development Process

- ✓ **Research** best practices nationally
- ✓ **Consult** with local experts
- ✓ **Draft** Continuum of Care policy document
- ✓ **Post** draft for 6-week public comment period
- ✓ **Solicit feedback** from external stakeholders
- ✓ **Revise draft** integrating feedback received
- ✓ **Present** to Policy & Planning Committee for review and approval

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- ❑ **Develop** toolkit for local municipalities

Purpose Statement & Background Section:

- Identifies the need for strategies that mitigate health and safety stressors for both housed and unhoused residents

Summary: Policy Guidance Overview (cont.)

Principle 1: Delivery of municipal services must respect the needs of all residents, with special considerations for serving the unsheltered population.

Summary: Policy Guidance Overview (cont.)

Principle 2: People experiencing homelessness have the same civil rights as housed residents and should not be subject to discrimination or arbitrary treatment based on housing status.

Summary: Policy Guidance Overview (cont.)

Principle 3: All people, both housed and unhoused, deserve access to safe public spaces as well as services that promote health and safety for all.

Next Steps: Toolkit Development

- ❑ Share guidance with stakeholders
- ❑ Seek feedback to identify opportunities in current practice
- ❑ Identify key collaborators and form working groups
- ❑ Analyze and assemble resources
- ❑ Share best practices through toolkit release