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LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOMELESS DELIVERY SERVICE INTEGRATION

My name is Epifanio Peinado, and I am the Temporary Services Administrator to oversee the implementation team leading the process of establishing the new County department on homelessness. I am reaching out to you today to share an update on this transition and what you can expect moving forward.

As many of you know, HFH and HI will form the foundation of this new department. The Board of Supervisors' decision to structure the department this way is a strong testament to the work and unwavering commitment of both of these teams. It represents an administrative shift in how LA County carries out our work to end homelessness to leverage these great strengths and improve outcomes for all County residents.

As a reminder, this process will happen in three phases:

- 1) **By April 28, 2025:** DHS and CEO support HFH and HI in creating a joint administrative team with other relevant County entities. HI and HFH are working closely together to align and integrate work while concurrently developing the implementation plans for the administrative functions of the new County department;
- 2) **By January 1, 2026:** Complete the integration of CEO-HI and DHS- HFH and the development of the core administrative infrastructure to establish the new County department; and



- 3) **By July 1, 2026:** Complete the integration of specified County-funded programs and services currently administered by Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) into the new County department.

This transition provides an opportunity for new collaboration between service providers, people with lived experience, County departments, cities, and elected officials to create change in our communities. Moving forward, there will be regular opportunities for you to share input to inform the department's development. We have an opportunity to use what we know is effective to create even more impact and touch even more lives.

We recognize that with change comes uncertainty. We are committed to providing regular updates and opportunities for you to engage in this process. In the coming weeks, we will have a landing page about the new department on the CEO website that will provide additional opportunities for you to provide feedback in real time. (See, [Informational Website](#))

We look forward to maintaining close communication with you as we continue this transition together.

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