



Updates on the new LA County Department of Homeless Services and Housing



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**A letter from Sarah Mahin,
Director of the Department of Homeless Services and Housing**

Dear Community Partners,

As we continue our transition to launch the County's first department on homelessness, I am reaching out with a few important announcements and reminders:

Service Provider Task Force

The County is currently [accepting applications](#) from service providers who currently hold housing and service contracts with Housing for Health and/or the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the **Department of Homeless Services and Housing Service Provider Task Force**. The goal of the Task Force is to provide input into the creation of the new department. Applications are due **September 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** You can learn more and apply online through the [Service Provider Taskforce Application](#) webpage.

Measure A Labor Council Update

On September 9, 2025, the Board of Supervisors [appointed](#) eight individuals to serve on the Measure A Labor Council, equally representing organized labor and nonprofit social service provider leadership.

Nonprofit Representatives

- Kris Nameth - LA LGBT Center
- La Keishia Childers - PATH
- Tahia Hayslet - Harbor Interfaith
- Summre Garber - Safe Parking LA

Labor Representatives

- Wendy Knight - Local 721 SEIU
- Carmen Roberts - LA County Federation of Labor

- Robert Holguin - AFSCME District Council 36

- Kristin Huling - LA County Federation of Labor

Required by the voter-approved Measure A Ordinance and [established](#) by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Labor Council will bring together nonprofit and labor leaders to help guide conversations around pay equity and career development across Los Angeles County's contracted service providers. Stay tuned for information on the Labor Council's meetings and opportunities for engagement.

Department of Homeless Services and Housing Town Hall

Please join us for our third virtual Town Hall **Monday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.**, which will focus on how the new department will measure success. Please join us to share your valuable input, ask questions, and provide additional feedback. You can register [here](#). As always, we will continue to share upcoming meetings where HSH will be discussed with you via email and post them on the [new department website](#). You can also share comments, questions, and feedback anytime through this [Microsoft Form](#).

Homeless Services System Funding Reductions and their Impact

As you know, the region's homeless services system, along with other crucial components of our safety net in Los Angeles County and nationwide, is facing major budgetary constraints. You can access an overview of recent funding reductions, the anticipated impacts, and, most importantly, how we can partner to continue serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness, [here](#).

Measure A Spending Plan Presentation

Lastly, I presented an update on the Measure A Spending Plan process for fiscal year 2026-27 at a recent Homeless Policy Deputies meeting. If you missed it, you can view the [slides](#) and watching the [recording](#). This [LA Times article](#) also does a good job summarizing the budget cuts we are facing and their expected impact.

As always, thank you for your partnership.

Sarah