



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: January 23, 2017
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*
From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health & Human Services *KC*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **2017 Point-in-Time Homeless Count**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates that all Continuum of Care (CoC) jurisdictions complete a point-in-time street and service-based homeless count every two years during the last week of January. These point-in-time counts are conducted to define the scope of homelessness across the nation. The results from this count are reported within the CoC competitive grant application process each year to determine existing resources, identify gaps and to highlight progress made towards ending homelessness as part of the "Opening Doors Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness."

The local count process involves two distinct components. The first component, the sheltered count, involves collecting data from emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing programs located within Long Beach. The second component is the street count, in which the City is divided into 47 mapped segments. Experienced service providers lead teams of two or more volunteers to survey people experiencing homelessness in each of the map segments. A critical part of the street count is the canvassing of service locations such as food banks, employment one-stop centers and transit areas.

The Long Beach CoC network of service providers work together to implement the biennial homeless count. This requirement is a necessary component of the annual CoC competitive grant application that yields over \$7 million in Federal dollars a year to support critical housing and service resources in the community.

The 2017 Homeless Count is scheduled for tomorrow, January 26, 2017, rain or shine. Thank you for all your help in recruiting and participating, we have over 400 volunteers ready to help!

For additional information, please contact Teresa Chandler, Human Services Bureau Manager, at (562) 570-4011.

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