

Information from LAPD

1. The Mayor determines the strategies and direction.
2. The City Council passes municipal codes and ordinances.
3. The City Attorney tries to make sure the Mayor and City Council stay on the correct side of the law. The police enforce only what all of them have agreed is in the interest of the City and supports the Mayor's strategy.
4. Subsequent to several court cases and settlements...only the Bureau of Sanitation can remove trash and personal property stored on the public right of way. The Council Districts determine the prioritization of which encampments receive these services.
5. COVID has dramatically affected these 'clean-ups' as ALL enforcement of 56.11 LAMC (the tent ordinance) has been suspended during the pandemic.
6. The CDC wants people in their tents and stable to the spread of the Coronavirus.
7. Los Angeles Housing Authority (LAHSA) is ultimately responsible for connecting individuals experiencing homelessness with the services needed to solve their issues. LAHSA Coordinates the monies to Service Planning Area (SPA) – 4
8. The specific needs of each person should be identified through the Coordinated Entry System (CES) enrollment. This should include referrals to Dept of Mental Health (DMH) as appropriate. LAHSA controls the housing inventory and the list of applicants through CES.
9. Outreach teams have moved people from Cahuenga underpass into housing. But there is still a lack of housing.
10. HHWNC's connection to LAHSA is Erin Seinfeld, HHWNC's field rep. We also are connected to Homeless coordination through CD 4 – Madelynn Taras, and CD 13 – Sean Starkey.
11. LAPD has a Coordinated Outreach Resource and Enforcement Unit headed by Detective Shannon Geaney Coordinated Outreach Resource and Enforcement Unit (CORE). The Unit prioritizes identifying and apprehending the criminal element within the homeless encampments. In the course of doing so the Unit builds relationships with those vulnerable members of the homeless community to hopefully connect those members to services. LAPD coordinates with and has a good working relationship the LAHSA Homeless Engagement Teams (HET) and independent agencies providing services to the homeless in Hollywood.
12. There is a lack of housing, and a tremendous amount of relationship building to get someone off the street.