Guiding Principles and Practices for Local Responses to Unsheltered Homelessness

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Overview

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

☐ **Present** to Commission for review and approval
☐ **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
Principle 1: Delivery of municipal services must respect the needs of all residents, with special considerations for serving the unsheltered population.
**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.
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