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Los Angeles Continuum of Care
Quarterly Community Meetings
Service Planning Area 8

July 2016

Presented by:
Policy and Planning Department

Agenda

1. Introduction

2. 2016 Homeless Count Result for SPA 8

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2016 Homeless Count
Key Findings for
Service Planning Area 8
South Bay

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
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Why do we count?

- The Homeless Count seeks to answer key questions about homelessness in Los Angeles:

  - How many people in LA experience homelessness on a given night?
  - What are their demographic characteristics?
  - How are they distributed across the county?
  - Where are they staying?

- The Point-In-Time Count is a snapshot of LA's homelessness on **one day.**

- Homeless Count data are reported to HUD.

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Introduction to the 2016 Homeless Count

Understanding the Data: What the Data Means

- 100% of the census tracts in the LA CoC were counted. We have good confidence in our estimates.

- Data from the homeless count is collected using a standardized procedure that is consistent across the continuum.

- Statistical analysis is used to provide estimates for the LA CoC and jurisdictions.

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Overall Results- Los Angeles County

- There was a **5.7%** increase, or **2,515** more homeless persons in 2016 across LA County.

- There was a **6.5%** increase for the LA CoC (which excludes Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena).

Homeless Population (2016)
Los Angeles County/Continuum of Care

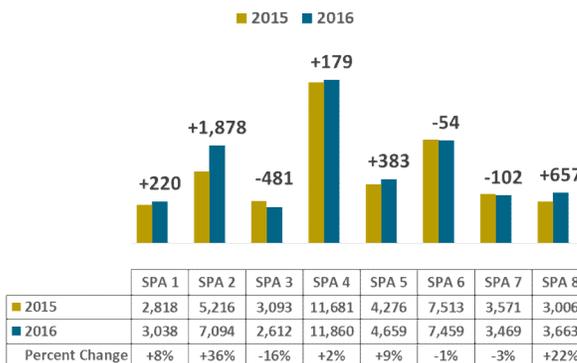|	Total	Unsheltered	Sheltered
LA County	46,874	34,527	12,347
LA Continuum of Care	43,854	32,781	11,073

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Overall Results- Los Angeles County

- SPAs 3, 6, and 7 saw decreases, while SPAs 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 saw increases.

- SPA 8 saw a 22% increase.
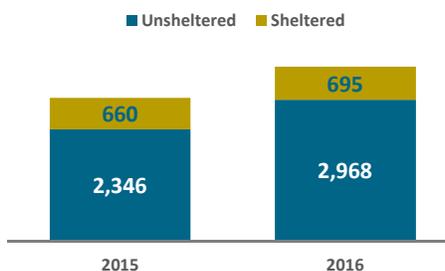
Homeless Population by Service Planning Area (SPA)

■ 2015 ■ 2016

+179

+1,878

-54

+383

+220

-481

-102 +657

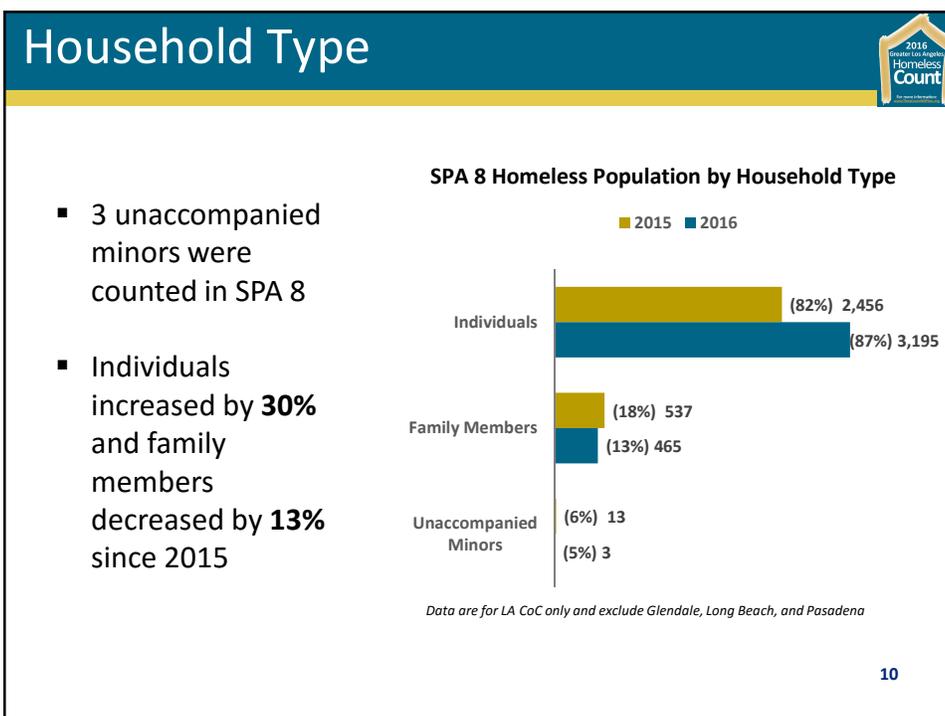|	SPA 1	SPA 2	SPA 3	SPA 4	SPA 5	SPA 6	SPA 7	SPA 8
■ 2015	2,818	5,216	3,093	11,681	4,276	7,513	3,571	3,006
■ 2016	3,038	7,094	2,612	11,860	4,659	7,459	3,469	3,663
Percent Change	+8%	+36%	-16%	+2%	+9%	-1%	-3%	+22%

Data are for LA CoC only and exclude Glendale, Long Beach, and Pasadena
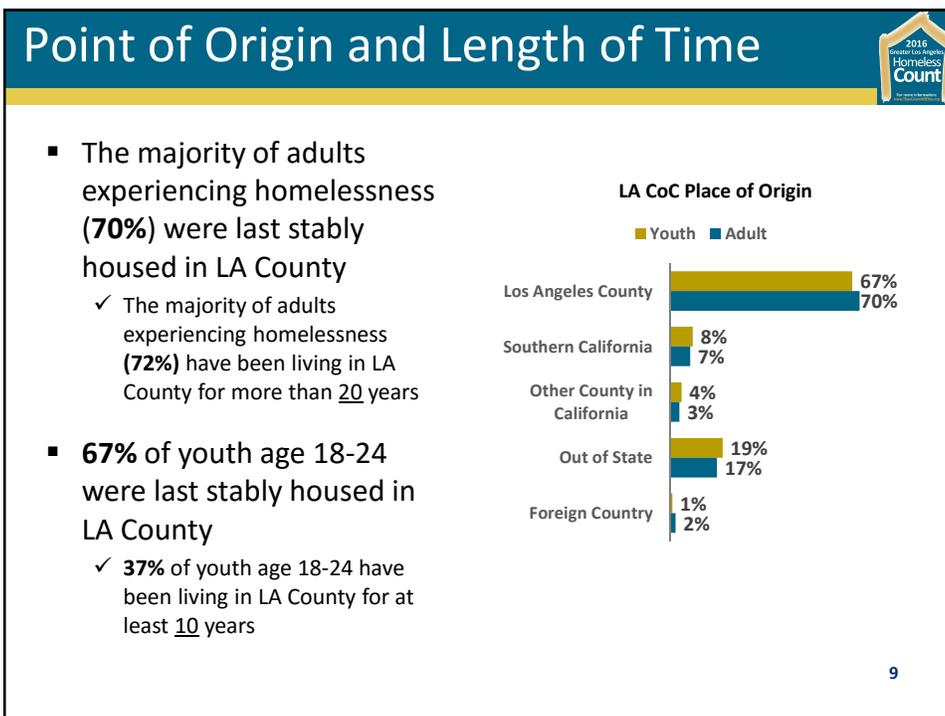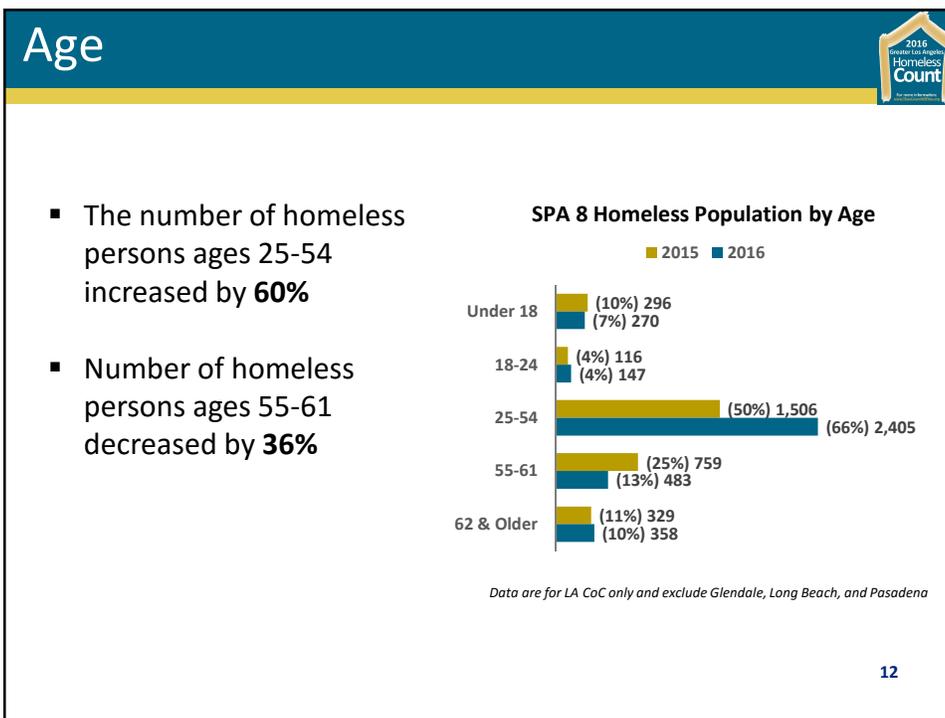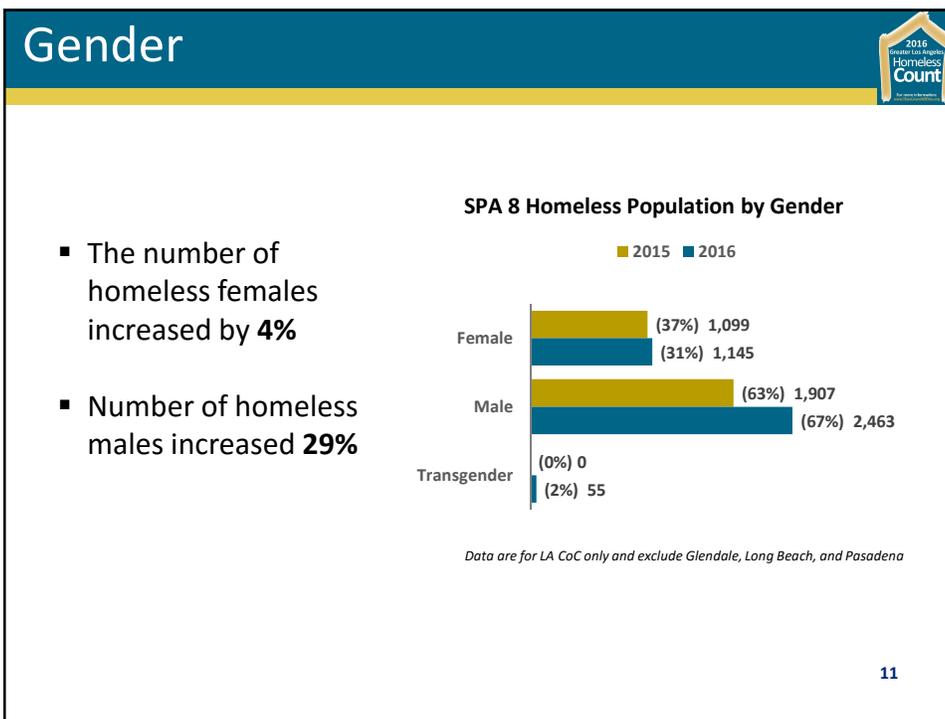
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Homeless Count 2016

- The sheltered population increased by **5%**

- The unsheltered population increased by **27%**

SPA 8 Sheltered and Unsheltered Populations

■ Unsheltered ■ Sheltered

	2015	2016
Sheltered	660	695
Unsheltered	2,346	2,968

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Point of Origin and Length of Time

- The majority of adults experiencing homelessness (**70%**) were last stably housed in LA County
  - ✓ The majority of adults experiencing homelessness **(72%)** have been living in LA County for more than 20 years

- **67%** of youth age 18-24 were last stably housed in LA County
  - ✓ **37%** of youth age 18-24 have been living in LA County for at least 10 years

LA CoC Place of Origin

■ Youth ■ Adult

Category	Youth	Adult
Los Angeles County	67%	70%
Southern California	8%	7%
Other County in California	4%	3%
Out of State	19%	17%
Foreign Country	1%	2%

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Household Type

SPA 8 Homeless Population by Household Type

■ 2015 ■ 2016

- 3 unaccompanied minors were counted in SPA 8

- Individuals increased by **30%** and family members decreased by **13%** since 2015

Category	2015	2016
Individuals	(82%) 2,456	(87%) 3,195
Family Members	(18%) 537	(13%) 465
Unaccompanied Minors	(6%) 13	(5%) 3

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Gender

- The number of homeless females increased by **4%**

- Number of homeless males increased **29%**

SPA 8 Homeless Population by Gender

■ 2015 ■ 2016

Female
- (37%) 1,099
- (31%) 1,145

Male
- (63%) 1,907
- (67%) 2,463

Transgender
- (0%) 0
- (2%) 55

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Age

- The number of homeless persons ages 25-54 increased by **60%**

- Number of homeless persons ages 55-61 decreased by **36%**

SPA 8 Homeless Population by Age

■ 2015 ■ 2016

Under 18
- (10%) 296
- (7%) 270

18-24
- (4%) 116
- (4%) 147

25-54
- (50%) 1,506
- (66%) 2,405

55-61
- (25%) 759
- (13%) 483

62 & Older
- (11%) 329
- (10%) 358

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Race / Ethnicity

- Proportion of Hispanic / Latino decreased by **18%**

- The Black / African American homeless population increased by **87**%
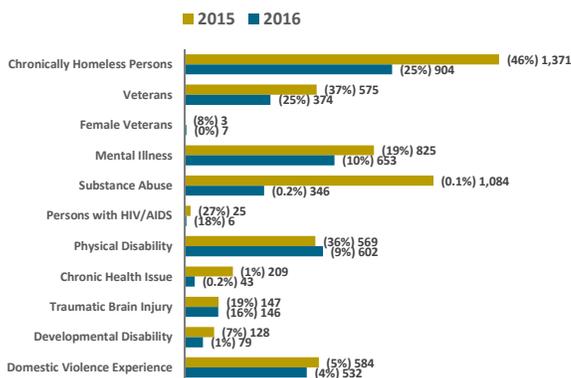
SPA 8 Homeless Population by Race/Ethnicity
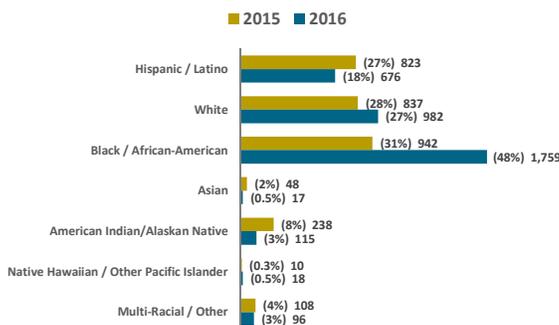
■ 2015 ■ 2016

Race/Ethnicity	2015	2016
Hispanic / Latino	(27%) 823	(18%) 676
White	(28%) 837	(27%) 982
Black / African-American	(31%) 942	(48%) 1,759
Asian	(2%) 48	(0.5%) 17
American Indian/Alaskan Native	(8%) 238	(3%) 115
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	(0.3%) 10	(0.5%) 18
Multi-Racial / Other	(4%) 108	(3%) 96

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Subpopulations

SPA 8 Homeless Population by Subpopulation Characteristics*

- The number of chronically homeless persons decreased by **34%**
- There was a **35%** decrease in the number of homeless veterans
- There number of people reporting substance abuse decreased by **68%**

■ 2015 ■ 2016

Subpopulation	2015	2016
Chronically Homeless Persons	(46%) 1,371	(25%) 904
Veterans	(37%) 575	(25%) 374
Female Veterans	(8%) 3	(0%) 7
Mental Illness	(19%) 825	(10%) 653
Substance Abuse	(0.1%) 1,084	(0.2%) 346
Persons with HIV/AIDS	(27%) 25	(18%) 6
Physical Disability	(36%) 569	(9%) 602
Chronic Health Issue	(1%) 209	(0.2%) 43
Traumatic Brain Injury	(19%) 147	(16%) 146
Developmental Disability	(7%) 128	(1%) 79
Domestic Violence Experience	(5%) 584	(4%) 532

*The subpopulations are not mutually exclusive categories
The total will add to more than 100% of the population of chronically homeless.*

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Key Findings – Cities in SPA 8

- Wilmington has the highest concentration of unsheltered persons in SPA 8 (20%)
- Each of the communities in Los Angeles Council District 15 have among the highest concentrations of homeless individuals:
  - ✓ Wilmington
  - ✓ San Pedro
  - ✓ Harbor Gateway
  - ✓ Harbor City

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Local Planning Data and Presentation

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Impacting Factors

Housing Affordability Crisis Continues

- CHPC found an affordable housing gap in Los Angeles County of 527,000 units in 2015 study

- 18% of LA County residents meet the Federal Official Poverty Measure – but when housing costs are considered, poverty rate jumps to 27%

- Rental vacancy rate in Metro LA region was 2.7% in 4th quarter of 2015, down from 3.8% in 1st quarter of 2015

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Current Solutions

- Veteran and Family data show impact of systemically applied resource investment
  - ✓ Homelessness responds to resources
  - ✓ Collaboration and systemic engagement shows results

- Los Angeles County and City comprehensive homeless strategies Historic engagement, collaboration, and coordination
  - ✓ 2016-17 County and City Budget Proposals greatly increase local investment

- Investments by County and City of Los Angeles, and Federal Government will increase housing and supportive services

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2017 HOMELESS COUNT

JANUARY 24, 25 & 26, 2017

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How We Counted – 2016 Homeless Count

- Many cities, neighborhood councils, and communities *opted in*, meaning they committed to aiding us in finding volunteers and organizing the count with the goal of reaching full enumeration.

  - ✓ *Full enumeration*—all census tracts counted within a community; this permits better estimates and allows us to infer more information about those communities.

- We counted all 2,155 tracts from the 2010 census in Los Angeles County. Over 7,500 people volunteered, and with 100% coverage this was the biggest and most comprehensive count since LAHSA began counting in 2005.

  - ✓ *In SPA 8, 432 people volunteered.*

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Components – 2016 Homeless Count

- **Street Count:** Capturing a Point-In-Time (PIT) estimate of the unsheltered population, vehicles, tents, and make-shift shelters through visual tally.

- **Shelter Count:** Capturing a PIT count of the homeless population who are in emergency shelters[*], transitional housing, and safe havens.

- **Demographic Survey:** Interviewing a sample of the unsheltered population to better understand their characteristics and experiences.

- **Youth Count:** Capturing a PIT estimate of the unsheltered youth population through a demographic survey interview in partnership with stakeholders.

[*]Emergency shelters include hotels and motels that accept vouchers issued by DPSS.

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Definitions - 2016 Homeless Count

- **Sheltered** – In order to be considered sheltered *on the night of the count*, a person must be in an emergency shelter, provided an emergency housing voucher, in transitional housing or a safe haven. Permanently housed individuals and families are counted separately from this population.

- **Unsheltered** - Can be living on the street, in a car or other vehicle, and they may be living in a structure that is not fit for human habitation, such as a tent or make-shift shelter.

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Definitions - 2016 Homeless Count

Chronically Homeless—must meet two criteria:

- Either being homeless for a duration of one year or longer, or having 4 or more episodes in the past three years that total one year or longer
- Must have at least one of the listed disabling conditions:
  - Mental illness
  - Physical Disability
  - Substance Abuse
  - Developmental disorder
  - Ongoing chronic illness

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Definitions - 2016 Homeless Count

- **Individual vs Family**
  - ✓ In order to be considered a family, there must be someone in the family unit who is under 18. A couple without children will be considered two individuals in one unit.
- **Unaccompanied Minors vs Transitional Age Youth (TAY)**
  - ✓ Unaccompanied minors specifically refers to children under 18 without their parents or legal guardians.
  - ✓ TAY are between 18 and 24 years old.
  - ✓ Programs may offer beds and housing for unaccompanied minors and/or TAY.

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Ad Hoc Governance Update

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Questions

Questions to Keep in Mind

- What topics are important to discuss at the CoC level in a collaborative forum?

- How can the Regional Homelessness Advisory Council (RHAC) help to coordinate services, reduce barriers and provide leadership in the LA CoC?

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Current CoC Governance Relationship

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Ad Hoc Governance Committee Update

In the Spring of 2015, the LAHSA Commission established an Ad Hoc Committee on Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance to:

1. Review federal CoC governance requirements and recommend potential changes to the Los Angeles CoC governance to be in compliance with the CoC Program interim rule of the HEARTH Act.

2. To consider a much broader regional strategic planning and alignment framework on homelessness that represents the CoC Membership and could form a CoC Board.

3. Concurrently address the City and County of Los Angeles' strategic plans calling for the establishment of a Regional Homelessness Advisory Committee (RHAC) to ensure broad-based collective strategic leadership (City Strategy 5E, County Strategy E17).

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Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

On May 27, 2016, the LAHSA Commission adopted the three recommendations of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee:

1. That the LAHSA Commission authorize staff to establish a Regional Homeless Advisory Council (RHAC), as requested by the Los Angeles City Council and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, which will perform the function of CoC membership as defined by the HEARTH Act.

2. That the Commission directs LAHSA staff to co-convene with United Way of Greater Los Angeles/Los Angeles area Chamber of Commerce Home for Good, and provide administrative support to the RHAC and to develop rules that establish membership and define the RHAC's structure and implementation, consistent with the report and recommendation #1.

3. That the Commission direct LAHSA staff to work with the RHAC to establish and provide administrative support to a Los Angeles Continuum of Care Board to perform the function of the CoC Board as defined by the HEARTH Act, consistent with the report and recommendations #1 and #2.

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Regional Homelessness Advisory Council

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RHAC Overview

- Co-convened by LAHSA and United Way Los Angeles/Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Home For Good.

- RHAC Membership would be cross-sector, multi-agency, public-private, institutionally diverse and regionally inclusive with standing representation of homeless or formerly homeless members.

- The RHAC would appoint a subgroup to serve as the LA Continuum of Care Board.

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LA Continuum of Care Board

- Appointed by the RHAC, the CoC Board would be convened by LAHSA staff and serve the HUD function of the CoC Board.

- Structure would include 13-15 members, with decisions rendered by a super-majority of non-conflicted, voting members, including at least one homeless or formally homeless member.

- CoC Board would be convened regularly during the year, but may be convened more frequently to address decision regarding the LA CoC's application under the super NOFA.

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LAHSA Updates

- 2016 CoC Program Competition
  - ✓ Update on Competition and Application Process
  - ✓ Public comment request on policies
  - ✓ Meetings to Attend:
    - o Los Angeles Coordinating Council
    - o Program and Evaluation
    - o Policy and Planning Committee
    - o LAHSA Commission
- Employment opportunities
- Other LAHSA Updates

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