

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, homelessness is tragic, avoidable, unjust, and a public health hazard for all citizens, and thus, reducing and preventing homelessness should be a priority for all; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires Continuums of Care to conduct a Point-in-Time count of homeless individuals once every two years, which the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) conducts annually inasmuch as it has purpose and benefits that extend far beyond federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 there were approximately 46,260 individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles, a 10% increase from the previous year, according to LAHSA; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Count will take place on the evenings of January 23, 24, and 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Count provides critical data for the strategizing, decision-making, and funding needed to reduce and prevent homelessness across the City of Los Angeles and provides a demographic and geographic snapshot of homelessness for nonprofit and community-based service providers, elected officials, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Count provides an avenue for tracking changes in size and characteristic of the homeless population in the City of Los Angeles, thereby allowing officials to monitor progress towards reducing and preventing homelessness in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should fully support this effort and encourage volunteer participation while increasing public awareness of homelessness to work towards the goal of reducing and preventing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Count cannot be successful without the assistance of thousands of volunteers who partner with LAHSA and provide their time to help enumerate individuals experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles, by the adoption of this Resolution, hereby declares the week beginning January 22, 2024, as Homeless Count Week 2024 and directs all City Departments and agencies to support LAHSA in conducting the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count by encouraging staff to volunteer and responding completely and in a timely manner to LAHSA's requests for assistance in this effort.

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