

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been trying to get the city to reevaluate the homeless count done by LAHSA for several years. Back in 2019 while co-chair of the Encino Neighborhood Council's homelessness committee we decided to do our own homeless count in the Sepulveda basin. LAHSA's number for the 2018 count was 32. Our own count was closer to 500-600 people. Big difference! We had asked LAHSA on numerous occasions who did the count in the basin and when? That question went unanswered or with the vague "we have special teams" that go into the basin. Clearly no one went into the basin that year. We had asked on numerous occasions to be a part of that "special team" and were rebuffed at every request. This year, I was the site coordinator for the Sherman Oaks count, and once again requested to be on the "special teams" and once again was rebuffed. I witnessed first hand that the app used to collect the data didn't always work and there was no way to check the results to make sure they were recorded correctly. I looked at the Sepulveda Basin count for the 2022 count, and questioned the validity of the numbers. According to LAHSA they said there were 52 people in the basin, <https://www.lahsa.org/data?id=54-homeless-count-by-city-community>. I did my own count with an outreach worker and we came up with 118 and that is without using multipliers for make shift shelters, tents, rv's etc. I am very much in favor of having an independent audit and reviewing LAHSA's numbers which I continue to believe are flawed. Thank you for your time. Jodie Francisco