



October 17, 2025

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:

Los Angeles County is experiencing a severe fiscal crisis caused by events that are largely outside its control – AB 218's impact on local budgets, recent labor agreements, January's wildfires, and dramatic cuts in federal spending. In response, the Board of Supervisors has scaled back a range of programs, e.g. reduced park hours, a shortened swimming season, less frequent beach cleanings, fewer arts grants, and the net elimination of 1,125 positions (mostly vacancies) in 26 departments. The Board has also withdrawn \$400 million from its Rainy Day Fund.

Homelessness is also impacted by this fiscal crisis. LA County reports that it now faces a \$303 million shortfall in dedicated homeless revenue, primarily due to a reduction in state funding. Unlike other curtailments that have been spread across multiple departments, LA County plans to cut the entire \$303 million from homelessness services. This dramatic reduction in homeless programs represents a 35% cut in a single year.

Eliminating more than 1/3 of LA County's homeless budget all at once will create lasting damage to programs and reverse the region's hard-won progress to reduce homelessness. Moreover, the consequences of closing shelter beds and returning people to the streets is far more devastating than the hardships created by less frequent beach cleanings or the elimination of vacancies in LA County's budgeted workforce. While many of the easier curtailments may have already been used to pay for AB 218 and labor agreements, the people we serve cannot bear the brunt of LA County's dire fiscal situation. Shoring up the budget gap in homelessness services is just as legitimate as other budgetary gaps that LA County must now resolve.

The homeless response system is a vital part of the social safety net. Given the scale of this crisis and the expressed voter sentiment to see it addressed, we urge the Board to maintain homeless investments at their current level.

Sincerely,

A Community of Friends
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Center for the Pacific Asian Family
The Center in Hollywood
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Coalition for Responsible Community Development
Covenant House California
Downtown Women's Center

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