# **Homeless Count 2022 Update**

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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# **Outline**

- Homeless Count Overview
- Changes for a COVID-safe
   Street Count
- South Bay's Deployment Sites
- Completing the Count



# Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Overview

The Street Count is held January 25-27, 2022

- South Bay's Count is Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00 pm
- Throughout the South Bay, over 3,750 "road miles" canvassed in one night!



Like the U.S. Census, the results become the <u>official record</u> of homelessness

- Helps inform local policies and strategies to address homelessness
- Brings services like shelters, housing resources, and case management proportionally to regions

# Why should I promote the Count?

# Your residents know the community better than anyone else

 Knowledge of where people experiencing homelessness can be found

# Shared sense of purpose in helping to end homelessness

 Anyone age 18+ can participate in this easy to do event (2-3 hour commitment)

Help encourage your community to be a part of the homelessness solution

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**Practice Social Distancing** 



## **Plans for a Safe Count**

COVID-19 safety protocols, following public health guidelines

- Use of PPE/masks, hand sanitizers, social distancing
- Staying home if not well

Encouraging volunteers to sign up in teams

- Teams of 2-3, larger teams can be accommodated
- "Singles" welcome and will form additional teams

Minimize time at the deployment site

- Watch the training video before arriving
- Download the Homeless Count App before arriving



#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Is it COVID-19 safe?

Yes! We made many procedural changes to provide a safe event environment.

#### Why do we do the Count?

To get the official statistics of what homelessness looks like in our community. These are then used to bring needed services and housing to the South Bay.

#### How often is it conducted?

Every year in January, with the exception of 2020 when it was cancelled because of the pandemic.

#### How will I know what to do that night?

You will be fully trained and provided with the materials you'll need. First timers are welcomed!

#### How old do I have to be?

All volunteers need to be at least 18 years old to participate in this activity.

## JOIN THE SOUTH BAY'S HOMELESS COUNT

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:00-11:00 pm

550 volunteers are needed to complete the one-night homeless count of the South Bay!

## Learn more & sign-up at: www.TheyCountWillYou.org

Inglewood  Civic Center 1 Manchester Ave.	Lennox Also covering Westmont, Del Aire SD 2 Lennox Field Office 4343 Lennox Blvd	Hawthorne Betty Ainsworth Sports Center 3851 W. El Segundo Blvd  Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers 1315 Valley Dr.	
Lawndale Also covering Alondra Park Harold E. Hofmann Community Center 14700 Burin Ave.	Gardena City of Gardena Office 16206 S. Western Ave. Suite. E		
Manhattan Beach  Also covering  El Segundo  Joslyn Community Ctr  1601 N. Valley Dr.	Redondo Beach Perry Park Senior Center 2308 Rockefeller Ln	Carson Juanita Millender McDonald Community Center 3 Civic Plaza Dr.	
Torrance Ken Miller Recreation Center 3341 Torrance Blvd.	Palos Verdes Cities (starting at 6:00pm) Covering all four cities City of Rolling Hills Estates City Hall 4045 PV Dr. N., RHE	Harbor Gateway 555 Redondo Beach Blvd Gardena	
Harbor City Also covering Lomita Wayside United Methodist Church 25904 Cayuga Ave. Lomita	Wilmington Providence Wellness & Activity Center 470 N. Hawaiian Ave.	San Pedro Plaza at Cabrillo Marina 2965 Via Cabrillo Marina	

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- Help us publicize your Count
  - Consider highlighting it on your City's website
  - Encourage residents to sign up in teams
- Your site lead has a customized flyer with a hotlink to your signup page
  - Also available at Coalition's website: https://www.sbceh.org/
- Be watching for emails in January with additional information
  - Training Video Link
  - Download the Homeless Count app

## # of Registered Volunteers as of Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>



75% of the signups historically happen in January

Community	LAHSA Partner	# Tracts	# Volunteers As of 1/2/2022	Registered Volunteers
•	SPA 8 Homeless Coalition	2	3	10
	City of Avalon	1	3	3
	City of Carson	22	15	100
Del Aire/Westmont	Supervisor Mitchell	7	1	40
El Segundo	El Segundo PD	6	NA	NA
Gardena	Gardena PD	14	6	50
Harbor City	SPA 8 Homeless Coalition	6	7	30
<b>Harbor Gateway</b>	Harbor Gateway NC	9	11	40
Hawthorne	City of Hawthorne	17	23	65
Hermosa Beach	City of Hermosa Beach	5	16	25
Inglewood	City of Inglewood	27	28	57
Lawndale	City of Lawndale	6	4	40
Lennox	St. Margaret's Center	5	3	4
Lomita	SPA 8 Homeless Coalition	4	3	15
Manhattan Beach	City of Manhattan Beach	8	17	40
<b>Palos Verdes Cities</b>	City of Rolling Hills Estates	16	4	40
Redondo Beach	City of Redondo Beach	13	24	60
San Pedro	San Pedro NC	22	21	80
Torrance	City of Torrance	31	20	100
Wilmington	Providence Little Co of Mary	17	17	50
	Subtotals:	238	234	849

Max #

# **Completing the Count**

No one can predict how COVID will affect volunteer turnout, or any last-minute DPH orders

Tracts where we expect to find people will be assigned to teams first, ensuring they are covered on the 26th

"Make Up" tracts covered in the first few days post-Count



LAHSA is in continued communication with HUD about options



For more information on the Homeless Count and to register, please go to TheyCountWillYou.org

Thank you for supporting the Homeless Count!