



Homeless Policy Analyst

Department: Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity
Location: Los Angeles City Hall
Terms: Full-Time Exempt

BACKGROUND:

The City of Los Angeles is experiencing a tremendous homelessness crisis. The current population is around 35,000 people experiencing homelessness with 70% or around 28,000 experiencing unsheltered homelessness. To address this human crisis, Mayor Garcetti has prioritized homelessness as one of the top three policy reforms for his administration. The Mayor's approach to homelessness falls within a three-pillar approach:

- 1) House those who are currently homelessness through a housing-first approach and in coordination with the regional Coordinated Entry System;
- 2) Prevent new people from becoming homeless through expanding the financial sustainability tools including increased wages, job opportunities, and affordable housing options for residents at-risk of becoming homeless;
- 3) Meet the needs of the unsheltered community through programs that shelter during inclement weather shelter; address personal hygiene, storage, mental and behavioral health emergencies; and connect these initial outreach services to bridge and permanent housing options.

Through the Mayor's leadership, the City in coordination with L.A. County has developed a Comprehensive Homelessness Strategy Report listing recommendations with an initial implementation estimate of \$1.87 billion over a ten year period. The

implementation of these recommendations have begun and are strongly supported through funding generated by voter approved Prop HHH and Measure H.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity collaborates with local, state and federal partners to coordinate resources to end homelessness. Building on current efforts, the Homeless Policy Analyst will be a member of a team responsible for implementing the strategy to address homelessness and working with partners to coordinate resources and to develop policy that ultimately ends chronic homelessness.

The successful candidate will perform a variety of substantive and procedural functions and work collaboratively with city departments, community organizations, philanthropy, federal and state agencies, nonprofits, lenders and other stakeholder to advocate for and build on current efforts.

The Homeless Policy Analyst is housed in the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity as part of both the Planning & Housing Policy and the Workforce and Human Capital teams.

ANALYST RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Partner with stakeholders, including but not limited to, governmental, non-profit, philanthropy and community-based organizations to coordinate resources, to develop policy or secure resources to house and provide services to homeless people to end homelessness. Identify opportunities and policies that the City must initiate or implement to achieve these goals.
- Monitor current city, county, state, and federal policy developments, trends, and funding allocations in the public, administrative, and legislative debate on homelessness.
- Gather and analyze information and statistics from LAHSA, United Way of Greater Los Angeles - Home For Good, Veteran Affairs, and other sources on government operations and the economic, demographic, and fiscal impacts of homelessness and those at-risk of homelessness at the county and city level.
- Collaborate with other analysts, researchers and stakeholders involved in similar substantive analysis and research including United Way's Policy Committee to ensure alignment on strategies moving forward.
- Support strategic communication on homelessness and develop a series of rapid-response fact sheets on homelessness policy issues, contribute to talking points, fact sheets, and other briefing and public relations materials.
- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's degree in related area. Master's degree in public policy, public administration, demography, sociology, economics, law or a related field and two (2) years of research experience preferred.
- Familiarity with current homelessness and/or mental health policy issues.
- Ability to think, write, and speak clearly and to accurately and concisely summarize complex information for policymakers, the press, and the general public.
- Ability to synthesize information from various sources and to present it in different formats depending on the target audience.
- Ability to respond flexibly and in a timely, deadline-driven fashion with an attention to detail.
- Ability to interact and work well with others in a diverse team environment.
- Experience working in complex political environments and can manage multiple projects and resolve conflict effectively.