

# 2019 LONG BEACH HOMELESS COUNT

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

# FACT SHEET

### **What is a Homeless Count?**

The Homeless Count is a comprehensive street and service-based enumeration process designed to identify how many people are homeless in the City of Long Beach at a given point-in-time. The Long Beach Continuum of Care, led by the City's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is required to conduct this enumeration as a recipient of funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **Who do we count?**

Adults, children, and unaccompanied youth who, on the day of the count, are residing in one of the following locations:

Unsheltered: Residing in a place not meant for human habitation such as streets, parks, abandoned buildings, stairwells, tunnels, bridges, rest areas, farm outbuildings, and campgrounds.

Sheltered: Residing in an emergency shelter or transitional housing. Any hotel, motel, or apartment voucher arrangements paid by a public or private agency because the person or family is homeless.

### **Why is this important?**

DHHS conducts a Homeless Count to obtain an unduplicated enumeration of homeless individuals to help identify trends and needs amongst the population. Programs are developed and designed based on the unique needs of the local population.

This event also helps bring awareness on the issue of homelessness in Long Beach. Volunteers will be in teams comprised of service providers and homeless/previously homeless individuals while canvassing maps and engaging those living on the streets. Volunteers will learn about who becomes homeless and why and what resources are available in the community to help those in need. This is an opportunity for community members to be part of the solution and connect to organizations or community partners working towards ending homelessness in Long Beach.

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REGISTRATION STARTS AT 4 A.M.

DEPLOYMENT AT 5 A.M.

## CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR HELP?

**You can help in this endeavor in a variety of ways:**

**Volunteer** by canvassing a map segment with a trained team to complete surveys and provide information on available services to people living on the streets (approximately 4 hrs). Must be 18 years or older.

**Spread the word** and help raise awareness about the homeless count. Help recruit volunteers by posting on your social media and other outlets.

**Donate** funds to support count activities. Host donation drives to collect outreach engagement items such as socks, travel size hygiene products and pre-packaged snacks.

**Volunteers are required to attend a 1 hour training session to learn about the count and data collection process. Trainings are offered at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday - Thursday the week prior to the count.**

**Trainings will take place at the Multi-Service Center:**

1301 W. 12th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813

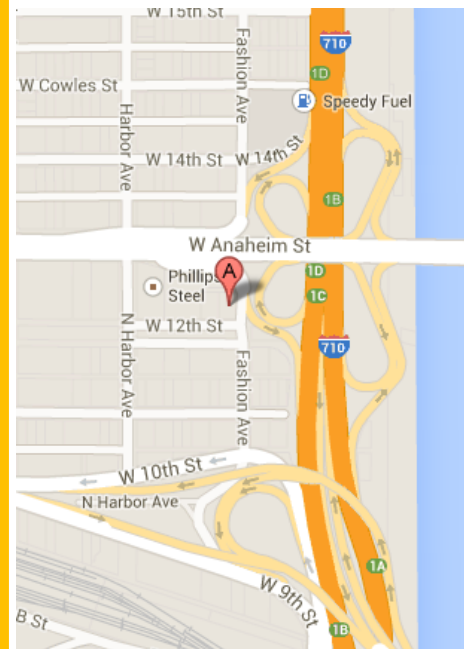
(West of the 710 FWY, South of Harbor and Anaheim Intersection)

**To participate in this event please register**

[HERE](#)

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