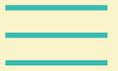




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A LETTER FROM MAYOR TED WINTERER

In recent months there hasn't been a day in which at least one Santa Monica resident expressed to me concerns about our homeless population, whether by email, a phone call or stopping me on the street to chat. My colleagues on the City Council and I are paying close attention to this issue - we see and feel the impacts of a substantially larger homeless population every day, just like everyone else, and reducing homelessness has become our top priority at City Hall.

The data is daunting. After reducing our homeless population by roughly a quarter over five years, we saw all that hard work undone in our 2017 count of unhoused individuals. At the same time, the County of Los Angeles experienced a 23% uptick in its street population so that now there are 58,000 homeless persons in our region. And despite the application of proven strategies to get people off the streets and into housing and services, an estimated 13,000 new people become homeless in LA County every month. Simply put, local and regional resources have been overwhelmed by this crisis.

There are many reasons for this dramatic surge in homelessness. Foremost is the steep increase regionally in housing costs at a time when wage growth has stagnated, so that many have had to make difficult choices between food, medicine, clothing and rent and thus have been left without housing. Redevelopment in Downtown Los Angeles has pushed many former residents of Skid Row into other communities. There are other underlying causes for this tragic epidemic. We estimate 30% of our homeless population suffer from some form of mental illness, in many cases left untreated for years during a life on the streets. And the methamphetamine and opioid epidemics have taken a toll on too many.

There is, however, reason to believe that our City and the County can turn the tide. Voters in LA County approved Measure H in March, a sales tax increase which yields an additional \$355 million per year for homeless services on top of historic spending. Those resources are now being deployed to a suite of strategies to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment, temporary and permanent housing and other support services. Likewise, voters in Los Angeles last year approved a \$1.1 billion bond measure to house the homeless while our voters supported Measure GS/GSH to finance more affordable housing.

When I speak with our residents, most feel great compassion for those who live on our streets, in our parks and on our beaches and they want us to do more to help those less fortunate than many of us. Others are less forgiving, as they see our public spaces as having been taken hostage by undesirables with bad intentions, and would like City Hall to employ measures which push the limits of civil liberties. The truth likely lands somewhere between these two perspectives: many on our streets have fallen through a frayed and inadequate social safety net, but there's no denying that the tenor of interaction with a portion of our homeless has become increasingly intimidating. Just recently at one of our community meetings, a father tearfully told us of having to intercede to protect his young son from an attempted assault by an unstable homeless man. While the data shows most homeless persons do not commit crimes and those that do generally perpetrate offenses against other homeless, these sorts of incidents have created widespread fear and anxiety among many residents.

So, our response at City Hall is to relentlessly engage our homeless population in both a compassionate and a constitutional manner. Every police officer, firefighter



or social worker who encounters someone living on our streets will seek to guide that person into proven supportive services: while offers of assistance may be denied multiple times, we know that persistence will eventually pay off and individuals will accept help. And we will use data about the outcome of these interactions to measure the success of strategies. At the same time, we are committed to making all of the public once again feel safe in public spaces in a legal manner which respects individual rights. In short, we will try to shelter those who need homes while making our streets safer for both the housed and the unhoused.

SO WHAT ARE THE DETAILS OF THIS PLAN?

First, we're shifting our policing strategy. Every SMPD officer will be trained to engage with homeless persons and every call to dispatch about homelessness will be addressed, whether a crime is reported or only a concern. And we've increased the number of officers and hours of the SMPD's Homeless Liaison Program, whose fulltime focus is working with our homeless population. Two new Library Services Officers will be hired to ensure safe and respectful use of our libraries while a fulltime social worker will be deployed at the Main Library. And the City Council recently allocated budget savings from the last fiscal year to hire a dozen outreach workers to connect unhoused persons with services or with their families in other areas.

In February, we will announce a new Senior Advisor on Homelessness to coordinate both our City's interdepartmental efforts and to collaborate with the County and other cities, as homelessness is a regional crisis that can't be solved without other agencies doing

their fair share in addition to our local endeavors. We've formed a Homelessness Steering Committee to coordinate and develop community-wide actions to address the impacts of homelessness. And we've engaged the County Department of Mental Health to find ways they can bring their services into the field in Santa Monica.

Of course, the greatest need for the homeless is housing. All sorts of research proves it costs taxpayers much less to provide temporary and permanent housing than to incur the burden of emergency room hospitalizations, calls to police officers and firefighters and other services. To that end, City Hall offers rental assistance to those in our community in the direst need, so we can keep Santa Monicans in their homes. And we will continue to produce housing for lower income individuals while encouraging our neighbors to build affordable housing at a pace commensurate with ours.

That said, the City of Santa Monica can't end this crisis on its own. We'll need the help of all cities in the region and the County. Most of all, we'll need the active help of residents and businesses in our community. We are not powerless in the face of this crisis. You can be a part of the solution, by donating generously to the agencies that provide housing and services (smgov.net/volunteer).

Finally, those of us who have lived in Santa Monica for a while will recall the last epidemic of homelessness during the 1990s, when the scourge of crack cocaine swelled our street population. The public's concerns about homelessness were just as intense as they are today, but we overcame that challenge. It will take time and patience, but we will likewise prevail again.

DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS CONVENE ON HOMELESSNESS

As shared by Mayor Winterer, homelessness is a regional crisis that no one group or city can solve alone. To leverage the strengths of Santa Monica's social services network, the Santa Monica Homelessness Steering Committee (SMHSC) was created in June 2017. The SMHSC is a gathering of more than 50 individuals who live or work in Santa Monica, representing business associations, faith partners, local and regional service providers, regional elected officials, City Council, City departments, people with lived experience and other local associations impacted by homelessness.

The SMHSC will be hosting a public meeting for input on the first drafts of these proposed strategies in February 2018. For more information on that meeting and how to get involved, please contact humanservices.mailbox@smgov.net or visit smgov.net/homelessness.

The SMHSC is focused on four action areas to develop strategies that address the impact of homelessness on the community and better assist those in need:

- 1) advocacy for housing, mental health and employment opportunities
2) public safety/addressing anti-social behavior
3) public and open spaces
4) volunteerism

HERE ARE THE FACTS

Interviews with a sample of unsheltered people in our open spaces revealed:

29% of homeless individuals have been homeless in Santa Monica for less than a month; **22%** longer than five years.

15% reported being a veteran.

47% of the homeless population in Santa Monica are white males ages 25-54 — many have complex medical and behavioral health needs.

Source: 2017 Homeless Count Survey

CITY'S NEW HOMELESSNESS INVESTMENTS

City departments are working together by using a proactive and compassionate engagement model. A new Senior Advisor on Homelessness will be hired in February to help facilitate collaboration within the City, the community and our regional partners.

Human Services

- **10-12 new outreach workers** through contracts with LA County and local nonprofits. More service professionals will engage directly with the homeless in our parks, beaches and public spaces.

Police

- **Every officer will be trained, informed and engaged on homeless issues** and work in coordination with service providers and other City departments.
- **New officers on the Homeless Liaison Program team** and expanded partnerships with West Coast Care and the Department of Mental Health.

Housing

- **Prioritize federal housing vouchers** for households at risk of homelessness and for persons who became homeless, with the highest priority for seniors and persons living with disabilities.
- **Expand the continuum of housing** by creating a new path for persons who were formerly homeless and are now living in permanent supportive housing, to “graduate” to less service-enriched housing.
- **Initiate pilot program to prevent homelessness** by providing a basic needs subsidy to seniors who are extremely low-income and paying more than one-half of their income toward rent.

Library

- **Pop-up resources fairs;** the first two have assisted more than 50 people.
- Continued funding for **one outreach specialist** at all locations.
- **Two new library services officers** to help create a welcoming and positive environment for all visitors.
- **Dedicated library social worker** for those who do not receive or are ineligible for services.

Fire

- **Exploring deployment** models that more efficiently address low acuity homelessness responses that impact local emergency rooms.
- Exploring adding a **social worker at high impact stations** to provide service at the point of interaction.
- New software program that **uses data to predict needs by area and time of day**, while maintaining response times.

To get involved, visit smgov.net/homelessness, and check out our video at [YouTube.com/CityTV16SantaMonica](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CityTV16SantaMonica).



USING PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TO MONITOR RESULTS

The City of Santa Monica is committed to doing more of what works using data to monitor results. This is called performance management, and in Santa Monica, our program is coined “SaMoStat.”

Last summer, the Homelessness Strategic Goal Team, comprised of City staff, finished work on an action plan, which has specific outcomes and goals, as well as activities with metrics and projects to reach the goals and outcomes. In July, this internal cross-functional team became the first to participate in a monthly “statting” process to track progress in achieving targets to address homelessness.

This approach allows departments to collaborate toward the achievement of a common goal, and is rooted in four key tenets:

- 1) accurate and timely data
- 2) effective tactics
- 3) rapid deployment of resources
- 4) relentless follow-up assessment

These meetings occur on a monthly basis and provide a platform to track progress in achieving targets set in the Homelessness Strategic Goal Team’s Plan of Action.

This process is also applied to the other four Strategic Goals identified by the City Council: Mobility, Learn + Thrive, Maintaining an Inclusive and Diverse Community, and local control of the Santa Monica Airport.

Santa Monica Is Impacted By The Regional Homeless Crisis

- More people are suffering on our streets than we’ve witnessed in the last five years. And not just in Santa Monica, but across the county where 58,000 people are homeless on any day and approximately 13,000 people fall into homelessness every month.
- We are part of a regional crisis driven by many factors and compounded by the lack of affordable housing statewide. We know Santa Monicans feel the impacts of homelessness because homelessness affects all of us.
- The scale of the regional homeless crisis has pushed Santa Monica’s local homeless service system beyond its capacity to meet growing demand.
- The Santa Monica City Council recognizes homelessness as one of the City’s top five strategic priorities, and that our local efforts alone cannot solve this crisis.

AT A GLANCE: ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS REGIONALLY

LA COUNTY

HOMELESS.LACOUNTY.GOV

47 comprehensive strategies

Measure H \$355 million/year to launch 21 strategies

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

SMGOV.NET/HOMELESSNESS

\$2.8 million/year in homeless service grants

Eviction prevention | Move-in assistance | Transportation assistance

New outreach efforts focused on public spaces

Aligning staff and technology resources to critical needs

Regional coordination

JILL'S STORY OF RESILIENCE



“I felt shame,” she says. “No self-esteem. Zero self-worth. Desperation.”

Jill Turkfeld with her dog Luna at Tongva Park.

Santa Monica resident Jill Turkfeld briskly walks into the Starbucks on Ocean Avenue with her therapy dog, Luna. Her stride is confident. Her smile is radiant. In fact, the 59-year-old carries herself with such poise and grace, one would never guess she has a painful past. One would never imagine that just a few years ago, she was homeless.

FROM FASHION CAREER TO HOMELESSNESS

In the 1980s, Jill was working as a manager for a fashion publication in Downtown Los Angeles. A string of unfortunate events followed: unemployment, eviction, and before she knew it, she was living in her car – until it got impounded. Her own family members shunned her. It didn't help that she was suffering from severe depression and anxiety disorder. With an empty bank account and no one to turn to, she soon found herself without a place to call home.

“I remember the first time I was in General Relief (a welfare program that benefits adults without dependents), I was in tears because it was so humiliating,” she recalls. She never imagined this could happen to her.

SHELTER TO SHELTER

From 2010 to 2012, Jill found herself moving from shelter to shelter. Some days, she was able to sleep in a more peaceful location with a clean bed, curtains, and a “place to hang your clothes”. Other days, she found herself in

overcrowded shelters with little to no privacy. But the hardest part wasn't the environment for Jill. It was the psychological damage it caused her.

“I felt shame,” she says. “No self-esteem. Zero self-worth. Desperation.”

GETTING BACK UP

When Jill was in despair at a new shelter, a caseworker from the City of Santa Monica grantee agency The People Concern (formerly OPCC) met Jill and offered to help her find housing. As a former resident of Santa Monica, the prospect of having a fresh start here seemed too good to be true. Within weeks, Jill was moved into a place of her own through the Santa Monica Housing Authority. In addition to her new home, Jill received supportive services to help her heal from the trauma of being homeless.

Not all homeless individuals have the same success as Jill. With limited resources, Santa Monica's infrastructure can only house so many individuals. However, the City is committed to connecting those in need with resources, both locally and regionally, so they can get critical care and support in their recovery.

Jill shares that she appreciates the City's personal approach to connect homeless people with local resources.

THREE LEVERS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Coming Together FINDING SOLUTIONS

Homelessness is one of the most complex and heartbreaking issues impacting our society. We are seeing increasing rates of homelessness nationwide, and communities are uniting to meet this challenge.

Los Angeles County is leading the charge on strategies to leverage \$1.1 billion in Measure H funding over the next three years with close collaboration from the City of Santa Monica and the 88 other cities.

As a County, we are committed to meeting this challenge, but what are the known best practices or “levers” that our outreach teams, police officers, housing authority, and your support use to help those experiencing homelessness?



We know solutions to homelessness involve all of us: faith communities, nonprofit partners, community members, county and state partners, the business community, and of course, the City. The new \$1.4 million local investment is largely targeted in outreach so we can get people into care management and housed. Follow our progress at smgov.net/homelessness.

Here are the three levers that are being employed to address homelessness in Santa Monica.

- 1** Investing in **outreach** and engagement is responsive to the day-to-day impacts of homelessness. The goal is to connect with people on the street, assess their situation and guide them toward the appropriate homeless service system. The City is working with various departments and regional partners to achieve this, including the LA County Department of Mental Health, SMPD’s Homeless Liaison Program (HLP), the Library and Human Services.
- 2** **Care management and supportive services** are more resource-intensive, require more coordination between providers and municipalities, are not visible to the public, and are available to fewer people. Santa Monica invests more than \$2.8 million annually through the Human Services Grants Program to provide comprehensive services that address housing and behavioral health needs of homeless households, including shelters and in-patient treatment beds.
- 3** Santa Monica is committed to creating and implementing policies that promote the development of **affordable housing and permanent supportive housing**. The City has long prioritized investing and building supportive housing that offers complete, permanent solutions.



Q & A WITH ORGANIZATIONS ON THE FRONT LINES OF HOMELESSNESS

The City of Santa Monica invests more than \$2.8 million annually in local service providers who address homelessness directly in our community by providing a variety of services for the homeless. Here's a look at three of them.

St. Joseph Center

St. Joseph Center is a countywide nonprofit serving 7,000 low-income and homeless clients annually. Through the Chronic Homeless Project, the organization provides outreach, placement and housing retention services to highly vulnerable men and women in Santa Monica.



Q: HOW IS YOUR ORGANIZATION WORKING TO BETTER SERVE HOMELESS PEOPLE?

A: We were among the City of Santa Monica's earliest partners on the Chronic Homeless Project, and we have evolved the concept of multi-disciplinary teams for the last decade. Many of our street teams now include outreach specialists, mental health professionals and medical practitioners. We also believe deeply in the power of collaboration. We have been eager to serve as the lead agency for this region's Coordinated Entry System for Individuals since its inception a few years ago, because we know we can always achieve more by working together than by working independently.

Q: OUR CITY HAS SEEN AN INCREASE IN PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES. HOW HAS THIS ISSUE BEEN CHANGING REGIONALLY?

A: Homelessness is up across LA County, in virtually every city and community. This is a regional challenge that will require regional solutions. We are encouraged by the passage of Measure H in the County and Measure HHH in the City of LA. As a larger community, we are becoming more concerned about finding real solutions for the most vulnerable among us.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR ORGANIZATION'S MAIN GOAL THIS YEAR?

A: Our overarching goal is to make an impact that people can see. When you drive down the streets of your community, does it look different now than it did a year ago? We're striving to make sure people see and feel that things are getting better.

Q: HOW CAN WE HELP?

A: Residents can volunteer by holding drives for important items such as hygiene kits for homeless men and women. Please visit stjosephctr.org/how-to-help to learn more.

The People Concern

As one of Los Angeles County's largest social services agencies, The People Concern provides a fully integrated system of care tailored to the needs of homeless individuals, survivors of domestic violence and others who have nowhere else to turn. The People Concern was formed in 2016 by a union of two Los Angeles County-based social service organizations, OPCC and Lamp Community.



Q: HOW DO YOU WORK WITH THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED?

A: The People Concern has strong ties and partnerships within the community. Our outreach teams partner and connect with the Santa Monica Police Department to bring crucial services to the City's most vulnerable, meeting individuals where they are. We also have a partnership with Providence Saint John's Health Center through our hospital in-reach program, the first of its kind in Santa Monica.

Q: WHY DO YOU THINK WE'VE SEEN AN INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY AND ACROSS LA COUNTY?

A: We've found the rise in homelessness is due to a combination of factors: rising rents, decreased vacancy rates and stagnant development of affordable housing.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME GOALS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION THIS YEAR?

A: Our goals in 2018 are to increase the number of people placed into permanent housing and to increase street outreach efforts. We also plan to expand our partnerships with local hospitals to bring services to the most vulnerable.

Q: HAVE YOU SEEN AN INCREASE IN UTILIZATION OF YOUR RESOURCES IN THE LAST YEAR?

A: Yes, we have. We've also added additional outreach teams around the city, offering increased multi-disciplinary services on the streets to engage those not yet ready to visit our drop-in center.

Q: HOW CAN PEOPLE GET INVOLVED?

A: Volunteer opportunities include meal services, workshops, an arts program and administrative work. As for donations, we accept both in-kind and monetary.

For more information, please visit thepeopleconcern.org.

Upward Bound House

The mission of Upward Bound House is to eliminate homelessness among families with children in Los Angeles by providing housing, supportive services and advocacy.

Q: TELL US ABOUT THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE.

A: We provide services that keep homeless families with children together, while helping them increase their savings, find gainful employment, and address any immediate needs such as food, clothing and shelter. We also make sure children are enrolled in school, and provide one-on-one tutoring and other enrichment activities. Our services are available to families for a year after they graduate from our programs. Ninety-five percent of our families remain in their homes more than a year after placement in permanent housing.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S GOALS THIS YEAR?

A: We hope to help more homeless families through the expansion of our programs. We want to spread awareness about the issue of family homelessness and the ways in

which every community member can be a part of the solution to end this problem. We are also passionately committed to advocating for public policies that protect families that are struggling due to lack of affordable housing, stagnating wages and a myriad of other key social issues.



Q: HOW HAVE FAMILIES BEEN UTILIZING YOUR SERVICES?

A: With an increasing number of families living in cars, parks and the streets, our organization provides a safe and stable environment for vulnerable families. Families work with our case managers, employment specialists and housing locators, and receive wraparound services from us. We also connect them with resources in their community that can provide additional support. We have helped more than 1,200 families— including 2,200 children—find their own homes.

Q: WHERE CAN WE FIND VOLUNTEER AND DONATION OPPORTUNITIES?

A: Visit our website at upwardboundhouse.org.

ADDITIONAL COLD WEATHER SHELTER BEDS

Service Planning Area 5: West Los Angeles First to Serve: 310.906.7688 (160 beds)

Note: No walk-ins are allowed; please call intake number for special accommodations.

Transportation Pick Up: Intersection of Topanga Canyon Blvd. and PCH

Pick Up Address: 3931 S. Topanga Canyon Blvd., Malibu

Pick Up Time: 4:00 p.m. only

Transportation Pick Up: Malibu Civic Center

Pick Up Address: Topanga Canyon Blvd., Malibu

Pick Up Time: 4:30 p.m. only

Transportation Pick Up: West LA-Bus Stop near Gas Station

Pick Up Address: Cadillac Ave. and La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles

Pick Up Time: 4:30 p.m. only

Transportation Pick Up: Venice Beach Boardwalk

Pick Up Address: North Venice Ave. at Ocean Front Walk, Venice Beach

Pick Up Time: 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

FAQ ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

The City often receives questions related to homelessness. Here are answers to your most frequently asked questions.

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO HELP HOMELESS PEOPLE?

Make a donation or volunteer with a local homeless service provider. You can also engage in charitable activities through your work, school, church or other organization. See page 4, where we spotlight three local organizations. For a full list, visit smgov.net/homelessness.

IS PANHANDLING LEGAL?

Panhandling itself is not illegal. The Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment generally protects the right of one person to ask another for money in a public space. However, the right is not without limits. It is unlawful for any person to harass, menace, threaten, assault, or commit fraud against another person in connection with a request for money.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN SOLICITED FOR MONEY?

It's up to you! Although there is no law that says one person cannot ask another for money in a public space, the City encourages you to direct them to a local service provider instead. There are plenty of resources that offer food, shelter, and additional assistance to those in need throughout Santa Monica.

Regardless of whether or not you choose to donate, feel free to acknowledge a panhandler with a nod or a "hello," and when asked for money, you can politely decline or donate something the homeless individual can actually use, such as small-sized toiletries, socks, or food.

While in a vehicle, safety is a big priority! We recommend you do not roll down your window or engage in conversation with those standing on the side of the road. It's unsafe to have people standing on the median and walking through traffic.

WHY CAN'T HOMELESS PEOPLE BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC PLACES?

People experiencing homelessness have the same rights as anyone else to be in a public place. What tends to be forgotten by many is that most of our homeless population do not want to be living in public spaces. Over time, the Santa Monica Police Department and the City's social service partners have come to understand that working with homeless people is the best way to get and keep them off the streets. The government has little power to "force" a homeless person to get help from a shelter or seek housing assistance. However, if our outreach teams can figure out what works for each individual by getting to know them, we can create better long-term outcomes. The City has made a commitment to invest the time to provide compassionate outreach to this extremely vulnerable population.

THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN BOTH CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS IN THE PAST YEAR. IS THERE A CORRELATION BETWEEN THE TWO?

Just because you are homeless does not mean you are a criminal. There is homelessness and there is lawlessness. These are two entirely different things.

ARE THERE ANY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO BUSINESS OWNERS, APARTMENT MANAGERS AND RESIDENTS IN DEALING WITH VIOLENT OR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR FROM HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS?

If you see violent behavior or feel threatened, please call 911. If you are talking about ongoing anti-social behavior, there are things you can do. Have an open line of communication with your neighbors, fellow business owners or property owners. Share information with one another and Santa Monica Police Department officers — what time of day are these incidents happening and who is involved. Officers can come out and speak with these people who are creating the problems, and find out if they are doing something criminal, or if they are in need of some help and direction. There is a Neighborhood Resource Officer and a Crime Prevention Coordinator from the Santa Monica Police Department assigned to every area of our City. The goal of the Community Affairs team is to quickly identify community issues, concerns, problems and crime trends which have long-term quality of life issues. These staff are trained professionals and can connect you to local resources.

There is new funding to help provide training to the community on best practices for interacting with people who are homeless. There is also training on what to do prior to police getting involved to keep themselves and the area safe. More information on training opportunities will be coming soon. In addition, continue to cooperate with law enforcement by ensuring no trespassing letters are on file and when applicable, no sleeping or lying signage is posted in doorways.

IF I FEEL UNSAFE, WHAT STEPS ARE RECOMMENDED?

It's always important to follow your gut. If you feel unsafe when walking towards a person who is approaching strangers aggressively or acting unpredictably, cross the street at a marked crossing or remove yourself from the area. If you need additional support, please contact us.

Emergency | 911

Public Safety Dispatch
(non-emergency) | 310.458.8491

GO System | smgov.net/go
Submit comments, complaints, and service requests.

THREE WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Addressing homelessness requires collaboration by residents, businesses and government. Making a difference can seem overwhelming, but there are ways to work together to help the most vulnerable members of our community, one person at a time.

- 1 Volunteer:** Support agencies that provide housing and services that get people off the streets for good. For a full list of volunteer opportunities, go to smgov.net/homelessness.
- 2 Donate:** Agencies that move people into housing need money, food, clothing, and furniture to make each house a home. For a full list of local service providers, visit smgov.net/donate.
- 3 Advocate:** Support local, regional, state, and federal efforts to increase the social safety net and the supply of affordable housing by contacting your representatives.

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... LET'S HEAR FROM YOU! ...

INFORM THE PIER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City of Santa Monica, in cooperation with Caltrans, is proposing to reconstruct the Santa Monica Pier Bridge to meet current seismic and safety standards, and we want your input!

The following three alternatives were evaluated in the environmental report:

- **Alternative 1** would replace the existing bridge with a new, wider bridge in the same location and construct a temporary bridge on Moss Avenue to maintain vehicle access to the pier during construction.
- **Alternative 2** would be the same replacement bridge as proposed in Alternative 1, however, vehicular access during construction would be via a temporary vehicle ramp from Parking Lot 1 North.
- **Alternative 3** would construct two new permanent bridges. The existing bridge would be replaced with a new bridge in the same location for primarily pedestrian and bicycle use. Vehicle access to the pier would be via the second new permanent bridge at Moss Avenue.

You can review the draft environmental impact report online at smgov.net/smpierbridge, at all Santa Monica libraries, and at Caltrans District 7 (100 S. Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90012).

The deadline to submit input is Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m. You can provide comments through email or mail. Comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by February 13, 2018.

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VOTE NOW! MOST LOVED SANTA MONICA BUSINESSES OF 2018

For the fifth consecutive year, the Buy Local Santa Monica Committee and *Santa Monica Daily Press* invite residents, local employees and visitors to vote for their Most Loved Businesses in Santa Monica. From your most loved coffee bar to your favorite Santa Monica farmer, we want to know which businesses you can't live without, which put a smile your face, and which are pillars of our community. In short, the ones most deserving of a celebration because they're SO awesome. To vote, visit buylocalsm.com between February 1-28. Voters will then be entered into a raffle for a chance to win Buy Local SM gear or gift certificates from Santa Monica businesses. To see previous years' winners, visit buylocalsm.com/most-loved. This year's honorees will be announced in the spring.



A GLANCE AT THE 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2016, we finished major infrastructure projects including Colorado Esplanade and California Incline, and the opening of the Expo Line. In 2017, the City has advanced the wellbeing of residents, workers, and visitors through new services such as Paid Sick Leave for workers, reducing citywide water usage by 19.8% and funding social services for seniors, youth, and the homeless.

However, some of Santa Monica's biggest challenges are upon us: the regional homelessness crisis impacts the lives of the entire population; housing unaffordability leaves many in financial distress; mental and personal health is declining. The City of Santa Monica aims to take a leadership role alongside nonprofits, employers, and community groups to address these issues head-on in 2018. We ask for your participation as we strive to make Santa Monica a diverse, inclusive, sustainable, thriving place to live and work.

Visit annualreport.smgov.net to dive deeper into the City's accomplishments. To join the conversation, connect with the City of Santa Monica on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and share what makes Santa Monica a community that works together to tackle even the most difficult issues. #SaMoWellbeing



FEBRUARY 2018 EVENTS



The City of Santa Monica offers more than a hundred events each month. Check out the whole list at santamonica.gov/events and subscribe to the City's newsletter at smgov.net/newsletter.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 5 & 19, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Regular meeting of the Architectural Review Board. smgov.net/clerk

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 8, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. smgov.net/clerk

Landmarks Commission Meeting

FEBRUARY 1, 7 P.M. AT SMI TRAINING ROOM

Regular meeting of the City Landmarks Commission. smgov.net/clerk

CREST Spring Registration: Enrichment and Sports

FEBRUARY 1 AT REED PARK YOUTH OFFICE

Registration opens for Spring afterschool programs. smgov.net/crest

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

FEBRUARY 14, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. smgov.net/clerk

Downbeat 720

FEBRUARY 13 & 27 AT MILES MEMORIAL PLAYHOUSE

An open-mic performance lab for high school performing artists. Students are invited to try new material, gain confidence and perform in front of an audience of peers. smgov.net/milesplayhouse

Housing Commission Meeting

FEBRUARY 15, 4:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. smgov.net/clerk

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

FEBRUARY 15, 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. smgov.net/clerk

Arts Commission Meeting

FEBRUARY 19, 6:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. smgov.net/clerk

Beach=Culture: "Mother of the Row"

FEBRUARY 20 AT ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE

Writer-in-residence Luis Alfaro presents a conversation around stories of street survival and facts of homelessness. annenbergbeachhouse.com

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 21, 1:30 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. smgov.net/clerk

Airport Commission Meeting

FEBRUARY 26, 7 P.M. AT CITY HALL

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Airport Commission. smgov.net/clerk

Social Services Commission Meeting

FEBRUARY 26, 7 P.M. AT KEN EDWARDS CENTER

Regular meeting of the Social Services Commission. smgov.net/clerk

CREST Summer Camps Registration

FEBRUARY 28 AT REED PARK YOUTH OFFICE

Registration opens for summer camps at Santa Monica schools. smgov.net/reserve

FIRESIDE AT THE MILES

Celebrating nine years of eclectic cultural presentations, Fireside at the Miles brings a season of music, dance, storytelling and more. All are invited to sit back, relax, and enjoy organic snacks and beverages with cozy performances in front of an open fire in Santa Monica's historic Miles Memorial Playhouse. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to smgov.net/milesplayhouse.

Joe and Joshua Show

FEBRUARY 2

The hilarious duo Joe Hernandez-Kolski and Joshua Silverstein return for an evening of laughs.

SHINE Storytelling

FEBRUARY 3

A monthly storytelling event coming to the Miles featuring stories around the theme "Through the Fire!" inspired by the Robert Frost quote, "The best way out is always through."

Orchestra Santa Monica Woodwind Quintet

FEBRUARY 9

A Fireside tradition, Orchestra Santa Monica Woodwind Quintet returns to play favorites from opera, ballet and woodwind quintet repertoire.

Dance by the Fire-Angela Todaro

FEBRUARY 10

Award-winning dancer/choreographer Angela Todaro brings some of Los Angeles' finest dancers to the Fireside series.

An Evening with the Oopsadaisies

FEBRUARY 16

All ages are welcome to experience singer-songwriter duo the Oopsadaisies with special guests.

Natalie Jacob Jazz Combo

FEBRUARY 17

A jazzy good time with Natalie Jacob on vocals, big band leader Paul McDonald on keys and Larry Feldman on guitar.

Los Angeles Electric 8

FEBRUARY 23

Los Angeles Electric 8 makes its Miles Playhouse debut with Circle Limit III, a new piece for eight electric guitars by LA-based composer Daniel Corral.

Circling In. Dancing in Dire Times

FEBRUARY 24

Dancer, choreographer, teacher and Santa Monica native Suchi Branfman explores some of the most important issues of the day through sound, dance and movement.

City Council Meetings

The Santa Monica City Council regularly meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in the Council Chamber, located at City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Upcoming Council meetings are scheduled for:

February 13
February 27

Meeting dates are occasionally changed; please visit smgov.net/council to confirm the schedule or to check the status of future agenda items. City Council meetings are broadcast live on CityTV cable channel 16, and streamed at YouTube.com/CityTV16SantaMonica. Regular meetings air on 89.9 KCRW from 8 p.m. to midnight.

All Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment may be made in person at any meeting, or prior to the meeting via regular U.S. mail, email or by fax to:

City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 209
Santa Monica, California 90401

Phone: 310.458.8201 | Fax: 310.458.1621.
Email all Council members: council@smgov.net.

All communications regarding City Council agenda items will now be available for public viewing online at smgov.net/council/agendas.

Santa Monica Public Library Info

smpl.org

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FAIRVIEW BRANCH: 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. | 310.458.8681
MONTANA AVENUE: 1704 Montana Ave. | 310.458.8682

OCEAN PARK BRANCH: 2601 Main St. | 310.458.8683
PICO BRANCH: 2201 Pico Blvd. | 310.458.8684

LIBRARY HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY: Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–9 p.m. | Fri–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. | Sun 1–5 p.m. • **BRANCHES:** Mon–Thu noon–9 p.m. | Fri noon–5:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. • Closed on Sundays

Bike parking available. All city libraries are wheelchair accessible. To request a disability-related accommodation for events, please call the library at 310.458.8606 (TDD 310.395.8499) at least one week in advance.