

## **Homelessness**

Overall, homelessness in the city of LA grew by 1.7% overall, with a 1% **decrease** in unsheltered homelessness (unsheltered means that you are on the street, often in tents or in vehicles). After years of double-digit growth in homelessness and two-plus years of a pandemic, the fact that homelessness in LA has stayed mostly flat since 2020 is itself significant news — something we should be analyzing closely.

**Firstly, the city, state, and federal government invested heavily in supporting renters.** City of Los Angeles renters and landlords received nearly \$2 billion in [rental assistance](#) through programs designed to stabilize households during the pandemic. A network of lawyers provided free eviction defense support through the Stay Housed LA program. And finally, a moratorium on evictions for renters who could not pay their rent because of COVID-related job loss and a freeze on rent increases in rent stabilized units likely contributed to keeping people in their homes.

**Secondly, we made unprecedented investments in increasing the amount of housing** available for people experiencing homelessness, especially in opening up more hotel and motel rooms available for people to move off the streets through Project Roomkey and Project Homekey. The City also opened up more units of permanent supportive housing, as HHH units finally started coming online, and more investments in things like tiny home communities.

In our district, we have hopeful news as well. Our district had seen increases in street homelessness over the years -- a growth of 64% from 2016 to 2020— but this year, **unsheltered homelessness in our district went down by 7%**. In fact, we saw street homelessness go down, even when the number of people experiencing homeless overall went up by 12%. That's largely because we added hundreds of shelter beds in CD4 since 2020, and saw a corresponding growth in our sheltered population – **by 163%**!

## **New SLO**

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## **Vaccine**

Vaccinatelacounty.com

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOW OPEN ON METRO'S TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK | [MORE INFO](#)**



Metro is acting as lead agency on the Transportation Communication Network (TCN) — a program to create a network of digital display structures with intelligent technology, removing approximately 200 static displays from Metro-owned property within the City of Los Angeles.

The program's [Draft Environmental Impact Report](#) is now available for review and response! The deadline to submit written comment is October 24.

Metro will also host two virtual public meetings regarding the Draft EIR will be held on October 6 from 6 to 7 PM. and October 7 from 1 to 2 PM. To access both meetings, utilize the Zoom link [HERE](#).

**HELP PROTECT AND SUPPORT WILDLIFE WITH THE LA BIOBLITZ CHALLENGE | [MORE INFO](#)**



Help map the city's existing native biodiversity, and assist researchers in determining the distribution of wildlife and health of the environment with the LA BioBlitz Challenge from the LA Public Library and LA Sanitation's Biodiversity Program! Participants are encouraged to crowdsource photographs of animals, insects and plants around their homes, neighborhoods, parks and other areas across the city using the iNaturalist app. **For more information on the challenge, click [HERE](#).**