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LAHSA Releases the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

Signal Hill, CA-June, 2024— The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) released the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, conducted in January, 2024. The count is an annual Point-in-Time census of the homeless population in a specific area on a single night and is an essential tool for assessing the scale of homelessness on a regional basis.

The 2024 Point-in-Time estimate provides a snapshot of unhoused people, including those staying in improvised dwellings such as automobiles, RVs, tents, or makeshift shelters. The methodology involves surveying two categories: actual persons counted, both temporarily sheltered and unsheltered, and people counted within improvised dwellings.

The Signal Hill data from the 2024 Point-in-Time count showed the total number of persons in shelters remained the same as in 2023, while the number of unsheltered persons decreased by 26%. Despite this overall decline, the number of individuals in improvised dwellings increased by 20%. The transitory nature of temporary shelters likely caused the increase in improvised dwellings.

Earlier this year, Signal Hill became the [first city in Los Angeles County to achieve and sustain Functional Zero](#). Functional Zero is the point at which a community's homeless services system can prevent homelessness whenever possible and ensure that when homelessness does occur, it is rare, brief, and one-time.

On March 14, 2024, the interagency collaboration between LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn's office, Pathway Home, and LAHSA placed 47 individuals in Signal Hill into interim housing units. Through these coordinated efforts, strategic planning, and the implementation of effective systems, the city has made significant progress toward achieving and maintaining Functional Zero.

Since this initial achievement, Signal Hill has maintained Functional Zero through diligent and multi-disciplinary partnership efforts that focus on providing a service-first approach.

Mayor Lori Y. Woods emphasized, "It sounds as simple as that, but it was years of preparedness, along with our desire and compassion for our unhoused community, that brought all of the elements together."

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