



Overview of Settlement

LA Alliance v. City and County of Los Angeles

- In March 2020, the LA Alliance for Human Rights sued the city and county of Los Angeles to compel elected officials to address homelessness rapidly and at scale.
- The LA Alliance suit demands:
 - Immediate creation of shelter and housing to get people off the streets
 - Services and treatment to keep people off the streets
 - Regulation of public spaces to make streets, sidewalks, and parks safe and clean
- For the last few months, the LA Alliance has been engaged in negotiations with the County of Los Angeles over a settlement to our lawsuit against the City and County.
- With the City settlement earlier this Spring, we obtained significant commitments from the City of shelter and housing, and milestones and deadlines for significant outreach and encampment reduction.
- Today, we announce a preliminary agreement with the County to achieve the second goal: Services and Treatment.
- Today's agreement seals a billion-dollar deal with the City by ensuring County support for critical services for every one of the thousands of people who will be housed and sheltered in the coming months and years as a result of this case.
- The agreement:
 - Provides full operational and service support in every shelter and housing project established by the City,
 - Gives access to unlicensed beds for high-acuity homeless individuals (often suffering from mental illness) within the City of Los Angeles,
 - Adds 300 licensed mental health/substance use disorder beds,
 - Increases the number of Multi-Disciplinary and HOME Teams that assist the mentally ill and addicted living on the street,
 - Codifies a City/County land partnership,
 - Gives direct access to services for every outreach worker,
 - Provide quarterly progress reports, and
 - Subjects the County to federal court oversight and monitoring under Judge David O. Carter for five years.
- LA Alliance attorneys, Elizabeth Mitchell and Matthew Umhofer, of the law firm Spertus, Landes & Umhofer, worked to secure this significant victory for all of the people of Los Angeles – both the unhoused and the housed.

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