

# 2017 LONG BEACH STREET & SHELTER POINT-IN-TIME COUNT THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 STARTING AT 5AM – COMPLETION BY 1PM **CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR HELP?**

Every two years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) to conduct a citywide homeless count.

The CoC needs your help to achieve this important endeavor!

## You can contribute!

- **Volunteer!** Canvas one of 47 map segments with a trained team to complete surveys and provide information on available services to people on the streets (approximately 3 hrs). Street count volunteers must be 18 years or older.
- **Spread the word!** Raise awareness about the homeless count and help recruit volunteers by getting the word out through flyers and social media.
- **Donate!** Provide in-kind donations, donate funds or secure store credits to support count activities. Host donation drives to collect items such as socks, travel size hygiene products and pre-packaged snacks.

**Volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend a one hour training session to learn about the count process offered on:**

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 1 pm or 6 pm

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 1 pm or 6 pm

Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 1 pm or 6 pm

**Trainings will take place at the Multi-Service Center located at  
1301 W. 12th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813**

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

**To participate in this event or for more information please contact:**

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## What is the Point-In-Time (PIT) Count?

The PIT is a comprehensive street and service-based count that identifies how many people are homeless in the City of Long Beach at a given point-in-time. The PIT occurs on one night during the last ten days in January, every odd numbered year.

## Who do we count?

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

- Unsheltered: Residing in a place not meant for human habitation such as streets, parks, abandoned buildings, stairwells, tunnels, bridges, campgrounds and vehicles.
- Sheltered: Residing in an emergency shelter, transitional housing for homeless persons, any hotel, motel, or apartment paid by a public or private agency because the person or family is homeless.

## Why is this important?

The Long Beach Continuum of Care, led by the City's Department of Health and Human Services, receives \$7.5 million dollars annually from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to coordinate homeless services citywide and is required to conduct the PIT as a recipient of funding. The intent is to obtain an unduplicated count of individuals who are homeless to identify needs and trends.

This event brings awareness to homelessness in Long Beach. Volunteers will work in teams alongside service providers and homeless/previously homeless individuals to canvas maps and engage people living on the streets. Volunteers will learn about who becomes homeless and why and what resources are available in the community to help. 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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