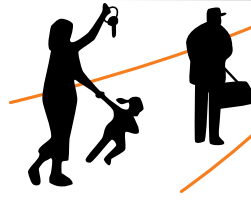


Bring Los Angeles Home!



*The Partnership to
End Homelessness*

To all Friends and Neighbors in Los Angeles County:

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The mission of Bring LA Home is “To prevent and end homelessness in Los Angeles County by creating and implementing a comprehensive, innovative, and realistic ten-year strategic plan.” The Bring LA Home partners in this strategic planning process are listed on the left-hand side of this letter. They came together on November 13, 2003 at the first of four Blue Ribbon Panel meetings to begin the planning process.

At that meeting the partners committed to holding 14 community gatherings throughout the County to share the latest research on homelessness in Los Angeles with interested persons such as yourself and to ask for your comments and suggestions on the development of the plan. There will be both daytime and evening meetings at many different locations to allow for maximum participation. Feel free to participate in any of the meetings regardless of where you live or work.

After the community meetings are completed, staff to the Blue Ribbon Panel will compile all suggestions and present them to the partners along with information about what other cities and counties nationwide have accomplished in addressing homelessness in their communities. The partners will then prepare a draft plan and present it back to the community for comments at six additional countywide community meetings. The plan will be finalized and adopted by the Blue Ribbon Panel by the fall of 2004.

A web site has been created which will provide important information to stay current on the development of the plan. It is www.bringLAhome.org.

Bringing an end to homelessness in Los Angeles is a huge challenge. Only through working together will we be able to respond to the County's homeless crisis. We invite you to attend and encourage you to invite others to participate.

Sincerely,
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