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for Los Angeles County Sheriff 2022

Homelessness in Los Angeles County

1. In 2020 the Homeless population increased by 12.7% to 66,436 from 2019. Most are living in parks, public sidewalks and along our beaches.
2. In 2020 the LA County was 3 years into a 10-year investment from Measure H and has double the number of placements of the unhoused. Yet the homeless count continues to increase.
3. The median rent is 46.7% or nearly half the median income of Angelenos. It's estimated that 1/3 of building cost are soft cost related to regulations and permitting.
4. 24% of the Los Angeles County Jail Population self-declare as Homeless.
5. Many of our homeless populations suffer from addiction, infirmities and/or mental illness.

As Sheriff I will...

1. Call for a relaxation of State and Local building regulations and a streamlined permitting process. A prioritization of new housing and job producing commercial building projects.
2. Expand the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach as Services Team to sixty Deputy Sheriff's to assist with homeless outreach and placement. These teams would focus on areas heavily impacted by homeless encampments. This expansion would include a team that focuses specially on Homeless Veterans.
3. Add five additional Sheriff's Mental Evaluation Teams, one for each Supervisorial District, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. These additional teams would focus solely on our chronically mentally ill homeless.
4. Provide training for Patrol Deputies at our local Sheriff's Stations to conduct homeless outreach.
5. Partner with the Los Angeles County Chiefs of Police Association to interdict illegal narcotics flowing to Homeless encampments.
6. Partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, to place offenders released from the Los Angeles County Jails into transitional housing and not let them just return to the streets and parks of our communities.
7. Identify the chronic homeless entering the County Jails and immediately develop a housing plan inclusive of an effort to reconnect the offender with family. Partner with the

Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority to provided community-based treatment programs.

8. Reestablish treatment and education opportunities, discontinued by Sheriff Villanueva, once provided to homeless offenders in the Los Angeles County Jail system. This would include High School, College and Trades schools. As well as substance abuse treatment in partnership with the County's Department of Health Services.
9. Partner with Churches and Faith Based Community organizations to help identify families that are endangered of losing their homes and connect them with LASHA for assistance.