

THE PEOPLE CONCERN: 2025 POLICY AGENDA

Because everyone should be housed, healthy, and safe.



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The People Concern is dedicated to advocating for policy solutions to combat and prevent homelessness and domestic violence, integrating perspectives from clients and staff. Through regularly engaging with government leaders, elected officials and their staff, and other key stakeholders, we work to educate and influence policy solutions for the housing and homelessness crises in Los Angeles County and beyond. The below outlines our strategies and policy priorities in 2025:

Expedite and expand access to permanent supportive housing.

- Increase the availability of federal housing vouchers.
- Allow for greater federal government flexibility on the proportion of house choice vouchers that can be converted to project-based vouchers.
- Promote innovative solutions, including flexible rental assistance, acquisition/rehab, master leasing, tenant-based voucher development, and non-traditional financing.
- Ensure wildfire recovery efforts account for regional implications and affordable housing needs.

Achieve full cost reimbursement in government contracts and strengthen the homeless services workforce.

- Implement the contract and workforce reform requirements outlined in LA County's Measure A.
- Advocate for increased rates in interim housing and intensive case management services contracts while also pursuing mental health rate reform, to address rising costs, retain staff, and increase housing throughput.

Secure ongoing funding for homelessness prevention and services.

- Secure local, state, and federal funding for services and housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Protect state Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funds, including at least \$1 billion for HHAP Round 7.
- Secure funding to address structural gaps in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds.

Effectively implement new funding streams to promote accountability, effectiveness, and collaboration.

- Promote regional integration across jurisdictions and agencies receiving LA County Measure A funds to prevent homelessness and create permanent housing solutions.
- Support implementation of BHSA reform and Medi-Cal waivers to integrate health, mental health, and housing goals.

Throughout the year we will advocate for proposed legislation at the city, county, state, and federal level that aligns with these policy priorities. We will also engage in key policy implementation processes that impact our clients, sector, and service provision.



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