

## Policy Action Team (PAT) Fact Sheet At the Intersection of Aging and Homelessness

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| <b>VISION</b><br><i>Future successful state</i> | Los Angeles County older adults thriving in high-quality housing, actively involved in the community, and linked to supportive services that are responsive to their long-term care needs.  |   |   |
| <b>MISSION</b><br><i>Reason for existence</i>   | The Policy Action Team (PAT) advocates for older adults who are formerly, currently, or at-risk of experiencing homelessness and works to connect vulnerable people to housing and services needed. The PAT accomplishes this through targeted information sharing and policy advocacy to ensure that State, County, City, and local decision makers and organizations meaningfully address the needs of older adults.  |   |   |
| <b>Target Population and Key Issue Areas</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Older Adults – vulnerable older adults 50+ at-risk for and experiencing homelessness</li> <li>2) Health</li> <li>3) Housing</li> <li>4) Homelessness</li> <li>5) Senior Services</li> </ol>   |   |   |
| <b>Objectives</b>                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increase and preserve supply of adequate and appropriate housing</li> <li>2) Educate policymakers and service providers across sectors to inform decision-making</li> <li>3) Improve collaboration and resource-sharing between health, housing, senior services and homelessness agencies</li> <li>4) Institute policies that promote healthy aging and sustainable living for older adults</li> <li>5) Address systemic and structural issues that perpetuate older adult poverty</li> <li>6) Empower older adults to use their personal stories to ensure policies are responsive to their unique needs</li> </ol> |   |   |
| <b>Organizations Represented</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AARP</li> <li>- Ascencia</li> <li>- Care 1st Health Plan</li> <li>- Cedars-Sinai Hospital</li> <li>- Community members with lived homeless experience</li> <li>- Corporation for Supportive Housing</li> <li>- Department of Mental Health</li> <li>- Downtown Women’s Center</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing Works</li> <li>- Justice in Aging</li> <li>- L.A. Care Health Plan</li> <li>- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority</li> <li>- L.A. LGBT Center</li> <li>- Life Steps USA</li> <li>- Menorah Housing Foundation</li> <li>- PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shelter Partnership</li> <li>- St. Barnabas Senior Services</li> <li>- TELACU</li> <li>- The Center at Blessed Sacrament</li> <li>- University of California – UCLA</li> <li>- University of Southern California - USC</li> <li>- Ward Economic Development</li> <li>- Wise and Healthy Aging</li> </ul> |

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