

SERVICES NOT SWEEPS

Unhoused residents of Los Angeles need services, not sweeps. The current model of “cleanups” makes police enforcement the city’s primary response to complaints about homelessness. We need a public health-focused model that improves living conditions for all. The Mayor’s budget calls for spending nearly \$40m on a failed enforcement approach and only \$11m on services for unhoused residents that will make neighborhoods healthier. Rather than dumping millions more into programs like Clean Streets LA, we need more investment in street-level services that work.



Complaint-Driven Model

- Prioritizes community complaints over public health best practices.
- Wastes resources on police presence at sweeps, which serves to escalate conflicts and intimidate and criminalize residents.
- Connects no additional people to housing.
- Drives a wedge between unhoused residents and homeless services offering housing and other services.
- Pits housed and unhoused residents against each other.
- Fails to resolve the complaints of housed residents, as garbage is left behind after sweeps.



Public Health Model

- Prioritizes community public health by emphasizing public health solutions like bathroom access and trash pickup that benefit the whole neighborhood.
- Focuses resources on sanitation programs that reduce the amount of garbage, human waste, and other hazardous substances in our neighborhoods.
- Unites the whole community around the same goal: making our neighborhoods safe and healthy.
- It’s already working: neighborhood councils and community organizations are already rolling out pilot projects. Let’s invest in expanding those efforts.