

## REPORTING OF TRANSPORT OF PERSONS WHO LACK AN ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE

### Housing & Human Services

Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee  
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## BACKGROUND

- Homelessness in California remains a major public health and safety challenge
- 131,109 individuals experienced homelessness in California in 2025



# RESPONSIBILITIES

State law requires jurisdictions to address housing needs

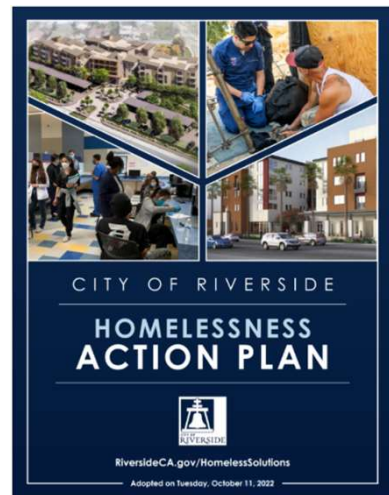
- Welfare & Institutions Code §17000
  - Counties must support indigent individuals
- Government Code §§65580 & 65583
  - Cities must plan for housing for all economic segments
  - Includes individuals needing emergency shelter



# CITY OF RIVERSIDE RESPONSE

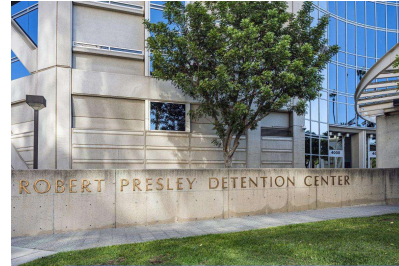
Local Investments

- Homelessness Action Plan
- Expanded shelter capacity
- Housing navigation services
- Case management services
- Public Safety and Engagement Team (PSET)
- Partnerships with County and nonprofit partners



## LOCAL CONDITIONS

- 2025 Point-in-Time Count
  - **614 unsheltered individuals** in Riverside
- Riverside is a **regional hub**:
  - Robert Presley Detention Center
  - Regional hospitals
  - Behavioral health facilities
  - Emergency shelters and service providers



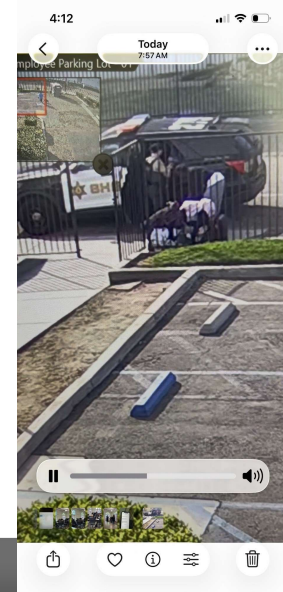
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## CURRENT CHALLENGE

- Individuals are sometimes transported into Riverside without coordinated service plans

### Impacts

- Increased demand on shelter beds
- Strain on outreach and housing services
- Reduced capacity for Riverside residents



## FISCAL IMPACT

- Uncoordinated transportation can create financial impacts
- Estimated cost to stabilize **one unsheltered individual** that includes PSET engagements, shelter, rental assistance, housing navigation, and case management: **\$63,376.19**



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## PROPOSED ORDINANCE

- Amends **Title 9 of the Riverside Municipal Code** to add **Chapter 9.56**
- Requires **24-hour advance notice** when individuals experiencing homelessness are transported into Riverside
- Notice must include:
  - Individual name
  - Place of origin
  - Drop-off location
- Drop-offs business hours: Daily from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



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## EXCLUSIONS

The ordinance does **not apply to:**

- Jail bookings or custody alternatives
- Transportation to license hospital or medical facility
- Transportation to verified appointment with a governmental or nonprofit social service provider or hearing at the Riverside County Superior Court
- Transportation conducted by the City of Riverside within the City of Riverside
- Public transit operations



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## ORDINANCE GOALS

Key objectives:

1. Ensure coordination of services
2. Promote regional accountability
3. Protect public health and safety



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## ENFORCEMENT

- Violations enforced through administrative citations
- Governed by **Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 1.17**
- Enforcement handled by Community & Economic Development Department Code Enforcement
- Includes hearing and appeal process
- Ordinance includes severability clause



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee:

1. Receive and discuss the proposed ordinance amending Title 9 of the Riverside Municipal Code by adding Chapter 9.56 Reporting of Transport of Persons Who Lack a Fixed, Regular, and Adequate Nighttime Residence; and
2. Forward their recommendations to the City Council for consideration.



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