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## 2022 Homeless Count Food Donation Sponsorship Request

The number of people experiencing homelessness on any given night can be over 150,000 countywide!

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is an annual event that identifies local data to drive policy changes and funding strategies to aid in preventing episodes of homelessness throughout Los Angeles County.

The 2022 Homeless Count will be the largest homeless census in the nation; we need your help.

With the assistance of 850 volunteers, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) will conduct the Homeless Count at 8:00 PM on the night of January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to determine the number of homeless youths, individual adults, and families currently residing on the streets, in shelters, and other institutions serving the homeless in Los Angeles County.

To encourage volunteer recruitment and participation for next year's Homeless Count in the South Los Angeles area, we are asking trusted and beloved establishments, such as yours to assist with this initiative in the form of providing food donations for our volunteers. The 2022 Homeless Count begins at 8:00 PM on January 27<sup>th</sup>, so we will need these donations to be made available by 7:00 PM at our various deployment sites, if possible.

In exchange for your generous donation of individually packaged meals, snacks, coffee, and/or bottled water to support our volunteers, we would also appreciate any enthusiastic promotion of the Homeless Count within your workplace and/or business networks to increase interest and possible participation.

LAHSA is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Los Angeles and formed to address the problems of homelessness on a regional level. LAHSA is a tax-exempt political subdivision of California, and our Tax Identification Number is 95-4498834.

Your help will provide us with the resources necessary to successfully conduct the 2022 Homeless Count. We are excited to collaborate with you on such an important endeavor and we are eager to pay it forward in the future.

Thank you in advance for supporting the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count and assisting us in our efforts to reduce prolonged episodes of homelessness in Los Angeles County.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the count, please reach out to me directly at 213-808-9167 or email me at [vgutierrez@lahsa.org](mailto:vgutierrez@lahsa.org) and I will respond as quickly as possible. LAHSA and I greatly appreciate your contributions to this annual event that will support our unhoused Angelinos in the South Los Angeles area.