

## **Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC)**

### Development and Structure

In response to increased violence in the city of Pomona, community partners met in February of 2014 to discuss public safety. It was decided that issues of violence and public safety be addressed through a multi-faceted approach to community engagement. A main body, known as Pomona's Promise, was developed and five areas of public concern were identified, including: academic success, health, economic development, public safety/crime prevention, and community engagement/communication.

The Collective Impact approach was introduced as the process to address the identified issues. Using this approach, each key area of concern was developed into a working organization, open to various stakeholders within the community. Pomona's Promise consists of the following organizations: *Education and Academic Success*, *Healthy in Pomona (HiP)*, *Community Engagement and Communication*, *Economic Development and Employment*, and *Crime Prevention and Public Safety*. Each organization is tasked with developing strategies to reduce violence and increase public safety using the five conditions of Collective Impact, which include: common agenda, shared measurement, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication and backbone support.

In direct response to a drastic increase in the homeless population from 2013 to 2015 in the city of Pomona, it was necessary to develop an individual body dedicated to reducing homelessness. The Homeless Advisory Committee (HAC) was created as a subcommittee under the arm of Healthy in Pomona (HiP). Through the process of Results-Based Accountability the four categories of *Housing and Facilities*; *Programs, Services and Resources*; *Community Perceptions and Public Relations*; and *Policy* will be addressed. Utilization of this process will help the Homeless Advisory Committee to attain the goals listed below:

1. To effectively address the negative impact of homelessness and other ancillary activities on Pomona, with a focus on improving public spaces for the safe and enjoyable use of the entire community and creating a means for community members to have their concerns heard.
2. Update the Homeless Strategic Plan incorporating HEARTH Act policies and programs, best practices, current data and targeted funding sources.
3. Develop effective relationships with other government entities whose jurisdiction of service fall within Pomona to better mitigate outcomes that may negatively impact the Pomona community.
4. Coordinate City response to homeless activities with a focus on clear lines of communication, identified roles and targeted response to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
5. Continue to partner with local agencies to coordinate efforts to address homelessness with leadership provided through the Pomona Continuum of Care Coalition and the City.
6. To support efforts that promote economic growth and increase the availability of quality housing to lower-income families.
7. To secure additional resources to address homelessness.

# Pomona's Promise

Structure with Emphasis on the Homeless Advisory Committee

