

## **LACYR - Homelessness**

Los Angeles County's homeless crisis continues to worsen. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) recently [announced](#) that homelessness rose 9% throughout the county and 10% throughout the city this year. Year after year, Democrat politicians vow to tackle the problem but never deliver.

There are multiple factors behind the crisis. In 2007, the ACLU [sued](#) the City of Los Angeles over the city law prohibiting the homeless from sleeping on the streets, resulting in a settlement agreement in which the city wouldn't enforce the law at night until they built more housing for the homeless. The city fulfilled their end of the agreement, but continue to not enforce the law that bans the homeless from sleeping on the streets. [The bloated LAHSA receives almost \\$1 billion](#) in federal, state and local taxpayer money yearly regularly fails their projected goals while refusing to be transparent about how they're spending the money. New housing projects [costs hundreds of thousands of dollars](#) and take several years.

Clearly, the current strategies to combat homelessness are not working. When former San Diego Republican Mayor Kevin Faulconer ran for governor, his [proposal](#) to fix homelessness involved clearing out homeless encampments and banning people from sleeping in the streets, instead requiring them to be housed at homeless shelters. Faulconer's proposal was based on his actions as mayor of San Diego that succeeded in reducing homelessness. Former Los Angeles City Controller Democrat Ron Galperin had [suggested](#) that the city of Los Angeles spend money on temporary shelters rather than the current housing projects that are too expensive and take too long to build. We believe these proposals would go along toward alleviating the homelessness crisis that has plagued our county for so long.