

THE JONES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FACT SHEET

As of June 10, 2015

What is the Jones Settlement Agreement?

On October 15, 2007 the City of Los Angeles settled the case of Jones v. City of Los Angeles, which was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in response to the City's enforcement of an ordinance (Los Angeles Municipal Code, section 41.18(d)) which prohibits sitting, sleeping or lying on a public street or sidewalk; under this agreement the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is not enforcing a portion of the no sitting, sleeping or lying ordinance between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. However, exceptions to this rule apply. For example, the law is enforceable at all times at locations within ten (10) feet of any operational and utilizable entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock.

The Jones Settlement is in effect until an additional 1,250 units of permanent supportive housing, **specifically for the chronically homeless¹**, are constructed within the City of Los Angeles, of which, at least 50 percent (625 units) are to be located in Skid Row and/or greater downtown Los Angeles. These units must house current or formerly chronically homeless persons and should not include housing units already existing as low-income housing units and/or occupied as low-income housing within the previous six months of entering into the Jones Settlement Agreement ("Jones Settlement").

The Jones Count Approach

The Jones Settlement did not designate any particular City agency to monitor and track the count of chronically homeless units. In the spring of 2012, the Mayor's Office requested that the former Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) assist in tracking and collecting data on the construction of 1,250 chronically homeless (CH) units citywide, including the 625 units in Skid Row and/or greater downtown Los Angeles. In order to perform this task, the LAHD has compiled data on permanent supportive housing units, including CH units that are in different phases of development (i.e., acquisition/pre-development, in construction and completed). The LAHD utilized the following sources to determine the construction status of CH units:

- The number of units developed as a result of financing received from the City's Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSHP);
- The count of special needs projects that include CH units, from the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) prior to the creation of the PSHP in 2007;
- The number of units that include project-based vouchers from the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA);
- Permanent supportive housing units that received Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding through the L.A. County Department of Mental Health (DMH);
- The number of constructed permanent supportive housing units that received funding for housing services and operating subsidies from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA);

¹ Chronically Homeless: A person with a disabling condition who has been continuously homeless for one year or more OR had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years.

- The count of units from the Citywide Housing Production System (CHPS), which tracks completed projects funded by all City departments since the onset of former Mayor Villaraigosa’s 5-Year Housing Plan; and
- The LAHD reviewed various housing lists produced by permanent supportive housing providers and funders (i.e., Corporation for Supportive Housing, Shelter Partnership, the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, and various non-profit affordable housing providers) to evaluate the inclusion of other CH units within the Jones count.

The Jones Settlement requires the City’s CH unit count to ONLY include units that **DID NOT** previously exist as low-income housing units and/or occupied as low-income housing within the prior six months of entering into the Jones Settlement (April 15, 2007 - October 14, 2007).

The Jones Settlement Count Exclusions

The City’s count of CH units **DOES NOT** include units which were completed prior to October 15, 2007. In addition, the count does not include units with Section 8 tenant-based vouchers (TBVs), since they are assigned to the tenant to use anywhere and not assigned to the project.

Summary of the CH Unit Count

The following reflects a breakdown of the City’s progress in meeting the goals set forth by the Jones Settlement:

Reaching 1,250 CH Unit Total Goal—Citywide (Estimated Date of Completion)*

Constructed CH Unit Target	1,250
CH Units Completed Citywide	1,170
<i>CH Units Needed to Meet the 1,250 Goal</i>	<i>111</i>
Total CH Units in Acquisition/Pre-development and in Construction phase	206
Total CH Units in Acquisition/Pre-Development, in Construction and Completed	1,376
Total CH Units Still Needed to Meet Goal	0

Reaching 625 CH Unit Total Goal—Downtown/Skid Row Area (subset of 1,250 citywide goal)

Constructed CH Unit Target	625
CH Units Completed in Downtown/Skid Row Area	656
Total CH Units in Construction phase	0
Total CH Units in Construction and Completed	656
Total CH Units Still Needed to Meet Goal	0

***Note:**

The City has exceeded the 625 CH unit goal for the Downtown/Skid Row area. The City estimates meeting the 625 CH unit goal for the Greater Los Angeles area by the fall of 2015. The City projects reaching the 1,250 CH unit goal by September 2015. This projection is based on current construction completion dates that are subject to change.