

Health Innovation Community Partnership

September 4, 2020 Meeting Summary

Zoom Meeting Attendees (57 total): Cecilia Aguilar, Pamela Agustin, Monica Alcaraz, Rosa Barahona, Jeni Bliatout, Greg Bonett, Christina Cardenas, Ismael Castro, Katie Cox, Parisa Dadmehr, Desiree Diaz, Yolanda Duarte, Emily Duchon, Guadalupe Duran Medina, Vivian Escalante, Jazmin Flores, Eliza Fraga, Karen Glenn, Natalie Godinez, Lorena Gomez, Ari Gutierrez Arambula, Heather Hays, Ernesto Hidalgo, Agnes Hirai, Barbara Kappos, Lynn Katano, Dalila Lopez, Andrea Marchetti, Priscilla Marin, Maritza, Brenda Martinez, Rebeca Melendez, Juanita Montes, Daisy Morales, Teresa Nuno, Anna Parra, Jose Orozco Pelico, Aydin Pasebani, Henry Perez, Dayana Primero, Alicia Ramos, Cristina Ranches, Iris Regn, Ruby Rivera, Ruth Rivera, Diego Rodriguez, Tiffany Romo, Roberto Roque, Rosalind Sagara, Angela Salazar, Edgar Solis, Rosa Soto, Tana Teicheira, Juliana Vidal, Alex Villalobos, Brenda Wiewel, Beatriz Zaragoza, *plus two attendees joining by phone*

Agenda Item	Discussion Highlights
<p>I. Welcome, Meeting Overview, & Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heather Hays welcomed the group to the Zoom meeting, reviewed the agenda, and reviewed the HICP Guiding Principles: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All participants agree to basic principles prioritizing equity, community resilience, and health in all programs and projects. 2. All participants agree to approach issues with an open mind, be willing to engage in dialogue, and commit to thinking boldly about solutions. 3. Participants will state views and ask genuine questions. 4. Participants will seek to avoid monologues and arguments; move to conversations where participants are curious and seek to understand various points of view. 5. Participants will explain reasoning and intent; share how we reach our conclusions so that others can understand our divergent reasoning. 6. Participants will attack the problem and not the person, organization, or institution. 7. Participants will define key terms so that we can attain a shared understanding. 8. Participants will share all relevant information. 9. Participants will always arrive prepared for the meeting. 10. During meetings, only one person speaks at a time; we will not engage in sidebar conversations. 11. Participants will work to develop a comprehensive, common set of information with which to solve problems and make decisions. 12. Participants will jointly design next steps ● The Meeting Agenda and presentation slides were provided in an email to participants. ● Eliza Fraga provided Spanish-English interpretation and Dalila Lopez provided translation in the chat. ● The HICP’s new CACHI workgroup, focused on building protective factors for children 0 to 5, will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 4 pm in September. Those interested in joining can email julianav@thewellnesscenterla.org or put your email in the chat.

II. Tenant Protections Update

Tenant Protections Update - Elena Popp, Executive Director of the Eviction Defense Network

- **Updates on COVID-19 Housing Laws across Jurisdictions**
 - Over the weekend, Governor Newsom pushed through AB 3088, a housing bill affecting all tenants in the state.
 - This law helps some tenants with weaker local protections, but it may also weaken or replace tenant protections in other local laws.
 - In addition to the state bill, the CDC announced on Monday a broad moratorium on evictions where tenants are not otherwise protected.
 - According to the CDC, this moratorium would not replace or undermine local protections if local laws are stronger.
 - In LA County, there are 44 different laws governing COVID-19 tenant protections, and 491,000 families are currently at risk of eviction.
 - Mike Feuer, the Los Angeles City Attorney, has interpreted these new laws to mean that all LA County protections are still in effect. However, the governor has said that AB 3088 will replace local tenant protections.
 - Many lawyers have different interpretations of how this will affect tenants in different jurisdictions, and ultimately the opinion that will matter is the lawyer assigned to your case.
 - This presentation will cover:
 - AB 3088 COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act (Governor's proposal)
 - Applies statewide
 - Effective August 31, 2020
 - LA County protections
 - Applies to unincorporated areas of LA County that doesn't have its own law
 - Recently became a floor, so if a local law is weaker, the county law applies
 - Applies to any tenant in commercial tenancy or mobile home tenancy that doesn't have other protections
 - Effective March 4- October 31, 2020
 - LA City law
 - Protects tenants in the city of Los Angeles, except as pre-empted by the state law
 - Effective from March 17 to the end of the local state of emergency as declared by the Mayor
 - The CDC proposal
 - In place until the end of 2020
 - Applies to nonpayment of rent cases, no-fault cases, and no-cause cases

- **AB 3088 (Governor's proposal)**

- Theoretically, evictions could have begun on 9/2/20 with the lifting of Emergency Rule 1, but the Governor's proposal forces landlords to wait until at least March 1 to initiate evictions.
- The Governor's proposal sealed loopholes in statewide Tenant Protections Act at least until February 1, and extended protections to all units including condominiums and single-family homes until February 1, 2021.
- The proposal also includes additional protection for eviction due to non-payment:
 - The Governor's proposal takes cases out of eviction court and puts them into small claims court, which prevents displacement but does not forgive rent
 - March 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020: Rent for this period cannot be a basis for eviction if the tenant submits a declaration of hardship
 - September 1, 2020 - January 31, 2021: Rent for this period cannot be a basis for eviction if tenant submits a declaration of hardship for each month AND pays a total of 25% of the rent due for the ENTIRE period (lump sum must be paid on or by 01/31/2021)
 - All tenants, regardless of AB1482 (Tenant Protection Act) exemptions, get basic just cause protections until 2/1/2021. CCP §1179.03.5
 - No-cause evictions are NOT permitted against a tenant until after February 1, 2021
- What are AB 3088 non-payment protections?
 - Any notice to pay rent or quit must:
 - Provide 15 court days instead of 3 days' notice
 - Include a copy of a declaration of COVID-related financial distress for tenant to sign and return two different versions of declaration, depending on time frame
 - No proof, other than declaration, is required from the tenant, except if landlord shows tenant has income > 130% AMI
 - No cause of action for UD if notice does not comply
 - Landlords must also provide additional informational notice to all tenants who owe rent accrued between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020. CCP § 1179.04 (Note timing requirement.)
 - If the tenant returns the signed declaration of COVID-related financial distress:
 - Any unpaid rent that accrued from March 1 through August 31 converted to consumer debt, can never form the basis for an eviction
 - For September-January 2021, the tenant must pay 25% of their rent. This is an aggregate amount that can be paid in any installments so long as it is paid by January 31.
 - The remaining 75% of rent is converted to civil debt.
 - Even if the tenant pays nothing for Sept-Jan, if they return the declaration, no eviction for nonpayment can be filed until February 1, 2020

- We recommend you file the declaration each month, whether or not your landlord sends you the notice with the declaration.
 - What is a summons?
 - The court eviction process begins by filing a “summons and complaint” with the Court. *El proceso de desalojo empieza cuando el dueño archiva una demanda y citación judicial con la corte.*
 - A “summons” is what gives the Court the legal permission to start an eviction case and means that the tenant has to answer to the lawsuit. *Una "citación judicial" es lo que le da a la Corte el permiso legal para escuchar un caso de desalojo y significa que el inquilino tiene que responder a la demanda.*
 - Starting September 2, the courts began issuing summons in some but not all types of evictions. *A partir del 2 de septiembre, las cortes comenzaron a emitir citaciones en algunos pero no todos los tipos de desalojos.*
 - A tenant is supposed to be served a summons in person, this doesn't always happen. If you find a summons with your unit number and address, you should seek legal advice immediately. *Un inquilino debe recibir una citación en persona, esto no siempre sucede. Si encuentra una citación con el número y la dirección de su unidad, debe buscar asesoramiento legal de inmediato.*
 - Once you are served the summons, you only have 5 DAYS to answer (not including Saturday, Sunday or Court Holidays)! *¡Una vez que reciba la citación judicial, solo tiene 5 DÍAS para responder (sin incluir los sábados, domingos o días feriados judiciales)!*
 - If you receive a notice to vacate, do not sign it until a lawyer has reviewed it.
 - How can you get help or get connected? ¿Cómo obtener ayuda o conectarse?
 - **Step 1:** Visit www.stayhousedla.org
 - **Step 2:** Select “Know Your Rights” or “Get Legal Help”
 - **Step 3:** Answer questions about your notice and situation
 - **Step 4:** Complete a referral form and an attorney or organizer will get in touch with you.

● **Immigration Status Protections**

- A landlord can't ask you or anyone in your household about immigration or citizenship status. This is also true if you are submitting a rental application. (Civil Code 1940.3)
- It is illegal for a landlord to report your immigration or citizenship status to a government agency with the intent of retaliating against, harassing, or intimidating a tenant to force them into moving. (Civil Code 1940.35)
- The only exception is if they are required to report this information to comply with any legal obligation under federal law, or subpoena, warrant or order issued by a court.

- **Los Angeles County Protections**

- Apply to unincorporated LA County from March 4- October 31
- Some of these protections may be affected by the passage of AB 3088
- Protections include:
 - Protects against residential and commercial evictions for failure to pay due to COVID-19 impacts and no-fault reasons
 - Protects against no fault evictions, including Ellis Law, owner move-in, or a court order
 - Protects against evictions for unauthorized occupants and unauthorized pets
 - Protections do not cover evictions for nuisance
 - Rents are due 12 months after the emergency ordinance is lifted.
 - The landlord must be informed that they cannot pay the rent within 7 days of the day of payment.
 - Freezing of rents retroactive to March 4 - October 31, 2020 (just for unincorporated areas)
 - Protections also apply to mobile home space renters.
 - There are no surcharges for late or unpaid rent
 - Prohibits landlords, and those acting on their behalf, from harassing or intimidating tenants.

- **Los Angeles City Protections**

- Protections against residential and commercial evictions. Includes all types of housing.
- Rents are due 12 months after the emergency order is lifted.
- Prohibits landlords from charging surcharges or late fees for unpaid rent.
- Rent freeze for apartments built before October 1, 1978 up to 360 days after termination of emergency order. Effective March 30, 2020.
- Includes an anti-harassment provision, also strengthened in the governor's proposal

- **Campaigning for Blanket Renter Protections:** We still do not have a blanket eviction moratorium. To join us in urging the governor for blanket protections for all renters from eviction:

- Call: (916)445-2841
- Email: <https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>
- @GavinNewsom
- @CAGovernor
- Use hashtags #NoEvictions and #CancelRent

- **What is Stay Housed LA County/ ¿Qué es Stay Housed LA County?**

- Stay Housed LA County is a collaboration between the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), 10 legal service providers, and 9 community based organizations to provide eviction prevention and legal services to low-income tenants in LA County.

- *Stay Housed LA County es una colaboración entre el Departamento de Asuntos Comerciales y del Consumidor del Condado de LA (DCBA), 10 bufetes de servicios legales y 9 organizaciones comunitarias para ofrecer servicios legales y de prevención de desalojos a inquilinos de bajos ingresos en el Condado de L.A.*
- Know-Your-Rights information on the website will be uploaded shortly to reflect new state and national protections.
- We have funding for legal representation for clients whose income is 50% of AMI or below. Some lawyers also have funding to represent those making 50-80% of AMI, and others have a sliding-fee scale.
- We will.../ *Nos comprometemos a...*
 - Tell tenants in at-risk neighborhoods that they have rights/ *Informar a los inquilinos de los barrios desfavorecidos que tienen derechos*
 - Sign tenants up for Know-Your-Rights workshops/ *Inscribir a los inquilinos en los talleres para que conozcan sus derechos*
 - Refer tenants to the right lawyers, if they need one/ *Remitir a los inquilinos a los abogados más adecuados, si requieren uno*
 - Build tenant power!/ *¡Empoderar a los inquilinos!*
- Stay Housed LA is a project of Right to Counsel LA/ *Stay Housed LA is un proyecto de Right to Counsel LA*
 - Right to Counsel LA formed in 2018/ *Right to Counsel LA se formó en 2018*
 - A true right to counsel means every tenant facing eviction has an attorney, and evictions are prevented through outreach, education, and tenant organizing./ *El verdadero derecho a la asesoría legal significa que todo inquilino que se enfrenta al desalojo tendrá un abogado, y los desalojos se evitarán por medio del alcance, educación y organización de inquilinos.*
 - 90% of landlords have representation in eviction proceedings/ *90% de los propietarios tienen un representante en los procedimientos de desalojo*
 - 12% of tenants have representation in eviction proceedings/ *12% de los inquilinos tienen un representante en los procedimientos de desalojo*
 - Tenants who go to court alone, and most tenants go to court alone, so we want to make sure clients who need it get into the system to get legal services they need.
- Organizations in Stay Housed LA County/ *Organizaciones que participan con Stay Housed LA County:*
 - Community Organizations:
 - Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)
 - Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)
 - Coalition for Economic Survival (CES)
 - Eastside LEADS
 - East Yards Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) Inquilinos Unidos
 - LA CAN

- Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action (LACCLA)
- Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)
- Legal Service Providers
 - Bet Tzedek
 - Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
 - Neighborhood Legal Services
 - Eviction Defense Network
 - HEART-LA
 - BASTA
 - Community Legal Aid SoCal
 - Public Counsel
 - Inner City Law Center
 - Housing Rights Center

- **For more information about your local protections:**

- LA County:
 - Phone: (833) 233-7368
 - Website: lacountyhelpcenter.org
 - Email: rent@dcba.lacounty.gov
- LA City:
 - Phone: (866) 557-7368
 - Website: coronavirus.lacity.org
 - hcid.lacity.org/file-a-complaint

- **Contact Information:**

- Elena Popp, Eviction Defense Network
 - Email: elenaipopp17@gmail.com
 - Cell – for organizing/leg adv. only: 310/704-8785 (texting works best)
- Eviction Defense Network Intake
 - County of LA Intake: stayhousedla.org
 - Statewide Intake: Askanwaltorney@edn.la or consulta@edn.la
- LA County Digital Divide/Literacy Issues: 213/537-5473 9AM to 12PM
- LA County IMMEDIATE lock out issues: 213/340-4714 24 hours (immediate emergency lockouts only)
- Eviction Defense Network - Tenants Know your Rights Presentations:
 - Every Tuesday 6PM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88324434157>
 - Every Thursday 5PM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86747724443>
 - Every Saturday 1PM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81158846345>

Questions and Comments

- **Pamela Agustin** (via chat): Shout out to Guadalupe Duran Medina and our very own Supervisor Hilda Solis for making that Base Protection [for LA County] happen!
- **Henry Perez** (via chat): Thank you SD 1 for your efforts to protect tenants!
- **Pamela Agustin** (via chat): Elena, does the governor order also cover public housing and section 8 tenants?
 - **Elena Popp** (via video): Theoretically, Section 8 tenants do not need the protections in AB 3088 for two reasons. First, they are covered by the CARES Act, which is now expired, but the requirement of a 30 day notice for evictions is still in place. Secondly, Section 8 tenants are required to pay 30% of their income in rent. So if you lost your job, and your income is zero, your rent should also be reduced. The problem we are seeing is in a delay in recertifying people.
 - **Elena Popp** (via chat): Theoretically, the Governor’s compromise is not needed by Section 8 and Public Housing Tenants. They have built in #CancelRent because a tenant that has loss of income should re-certify and rent goes down. But, I have a few Section 8 tenants who had increased expenses ... food. In one case, 3 teenage sons that ate 2 meals at school and now eat all meals at home. I plan to argue that the City and Governor’s proposal cover her.
 - **Elena Popp** (via chat): There is a Federal law on evictions BUT it only applied to public and subsidized housing, Section 8 and tenants in housing where the loan is Federally insured (about 30% of the loans in the State). It is not a strong law. It also delays eviction.
- **Barbara Kappos** (via chat): Are the landlords compensated by the state? Many landlords are not renting and some are asking for 6 months in advance.
 - **Elena Popp** (via video): They cannot ask for six months in advance, because that is an illegal security deposit. What we are seeing, which is not illegal, is requiring 3-5 times the rent in income. We are documenting these cases and hope it will be made illegal in the next legislative session. We are seeing a huge vacancy rate as people voluntarily move out of apartments to move in with family or become homeless. If you are housed, consult with a lawyer at StayHousedLA.org. In most cases, it is not advised to voluntarily give up your housing -- be more afraid of being homeless than of the debt.
 - **Elena Popp** (via chat): There are no “compensation by the state” programs. AB3088 (Governor’s Proposal) has a weak mortgage relief provision. Landlords that have federally insured loans can get very generous forbearances (pay these months later e.g. at the end of the loan. There have also been various rent subsidy programs in the City of LA, County of LA and other Cities e.g. Pomona and SM, WeHo and Pasadena.
- **Monica Alcaraz** (via chat): Do you have a flier with this information that we can share to our networks and social media?
 - **Elena Popp** (via chat): The StayHousedLA.org project is developing flyers. Pamela Agustin will be able to get them to you.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pamela Agustin (via chat): [Visit] www.stayhousedla.org. Our partners have workshops all month. We are working to get the materials translated into multiple languages. If you want a presentation for your organization, please connect with the website or email: stayhousedla@innercitystruggle.org ● Juana Mena (via chat): Esto es muy preocupante, pues después de ese tiempo sin trabajo ni dinero quedarían en la calle y eso aumentaría la población de personas sin hogar. Esto también afecta la salud mental... también que los bills no esperan y eso todo es por falta de recursos. / <i>This is of great concern as after a period of no work or decreased income they will be left in the streets which will then cause an increase in the homeless population. This also has an impact on mental health... Also that bills don't wait and it's due to a lack of resources.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elena Popp (via chat): Estoy de acuerdo con Ud. Pero seguimos luchando por mayores y mejores protecciones. <i>I agree with you that this is troubling. We continue to fight for stronger protections.</i> ○ Elena Popp (via chat): En la ciudad de Los Ángeles los servicios de agua, luz y gas no se pueden apagar durante la pandemia. En el condado de Los Ángeles los programas son voluntarios. / <i>In the city of LA, water, electricity, and gas cannot be shut off during the pandemic. In the county of LA, those programs are voluntary.</i> ● Beatriz Zaragoza (via chat): Is there similar protection for landlords against foreclosure? These homes are owned by immigrants who have put their life savings into these homes. Some of these landlords may use the rent to pay their mortgages. If you have any resources for landlords, please send it to beatriz@fourcornersinsurance.net so I can share it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elena Popp (via chat): Landlords having trouble with their mortgage should reach out to a HUD certified counseling service such as Neighborhood Housing Services and Haven Services. They will counsel you on forbearance programs and on how AB3088 (Governor's Proposal) helps homeowners. ● Brenda Martinez (via chat): What will happen to homeowners that can't pay the bank? What choices do they have to avoid foreclosure? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elena Popp (via chat): We are a tenants' rights group. Neighborhood Housing Services, Haven Services, and Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Home Defenders are your resources. ● Beatriz Zaragoza (via chat): I just want to announce that we have an opposition group against the Mariachi Plaza development, we have petition at www.change.org/mariachiplaza ● Juana Mena (via chat): ¿Están cubriendo las personas indocumentadas? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elena Popp (via chat): The StayHousedLA.org program can help undocumented people./ <i>El programa StayHousedLA.org sí brinda ayuda a personas no documentadas.</i>
III. Housing Development and Supportive Housing Presentation	Housing Development and Supportive Housing Presentation - Lynn Katano, Director of Housing Investment and Housing Division, Los Angeles Development Housing Authority

- Los Angeles Development Housing Authority (LACDA) administers the housing and community development programs for the county, including being the housing authority for unincorporated LA County and participating jurisdictions
- The Boyle Heights and Lincoln Heights communities near the LAC+USC Medical Campus are in LA City, but projects can be jointly funded by the city and the county
- Affordable housing funding is administered by LACDA through the annual notice of funding availability (NOFA)
- In the past 20 years, almost 1600 units affordable units have been developed in this community, a total of 32 projects
 - 222 units are currently in construction
 - An additional 9 projects (469 units) are in various phases of pre-development
- Summary of Affordable Housing Projects in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and Lincoln Heights (LACDA and HICD)
 - Boyle Heights
 - Completed: 718
 - Construction: 0
 - Predevelopment: 294
 - Total: 1,012
 - East Los Angeles
 - Completed: 349
 - Construction: 137
 - Predevelopment: 78
 - Total: 564
 - Lincoln Heights
 - Completed: 524
 - Construction: 85
 - Predevelopment: 97
 - Total: 706
 - Grand Total: 2,282
- Projects in Predevelopment
 - Funded by the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department:
 - Lorena Plaza (Boyle Heights)
 - Los Lirios Apartments (Boyle Heights)
 - Chavez and Fickett (Boyle Heights)
 - La Guadalupe (formerly known as First and Boyle, Boyle Heights)
 - Funded by the Los Angeles County Development Authority:
 - 3rd and Dangler (East LA)
 - Jointly funded HCID-LA and LACDA:
 - La Veranda (Boyle Heights)

- The Brine Residential (Lincoln Heights)
- Projects in Construction
 - Funded by the Los Angeles County Development Authority:
 - Whittier Place Apartments, Phase II (East LA)
 - La Paz Apartments (Whittier and Downey NW, East LA)
 - El Nuevo Amanecer Apartments (formerly known as 1st and Rowan, East LA)
 - Jointly funded by HCID-LA and LACDA:
 - Rosa de Castilla Apartments (Lincoln Heights)
- Lease Up Process
 - When the project reaches 50% completion Asset Management reaches out to the developers about their lease-up plans to make sure they do the outreach.
 - If it's a PSH project leasing, it will go through CES. If affordable they should contact the developer (or property manager referenced) and be placed on their notification list.
 - For those needing accessible units (mobility, hearing and vision) they can register at a website: <http://accesshousingla.org/> and be notified about projects. They just note what projects they are interested in.
 - All projects funded by the City and the County are required to be listed on the LA County Housing Resource Center website: <https://housing.lacounty.gov/index.html>
- LAC-USC Restorative Care Village Permanent Supportive Housing Overview
 - LACDA is assisting with development of permanent supportive housing at the RCV project, including a recuperative care setting and residential treatment programs
 - DPW and LACDA are currently conducting feasibility studies including:
 - Density analysis by architectural consultant
 - Geotechnical Survey/Report Preparation
 - Hazardous Material Testing for the Existing Buildings
 - Topo Survey and ALTA Report Preparation
 - Environmental Impact Report Phase I Preparation
 - Traffic Study
 - Next Steps:
 - Pending receipt of studies, LACDA will prepare and issue a Request for Proposals.
 - Selection of a development team for the affordable housing component
 - Board issues approval of Exclusive Negotiation Agreement
 - Developer then applies for tax credits
 - Construction starts
- **Heather Hays** circulated a Zoom poll requesting feedback on the Housing Development and Supportive Housing Presentation:
 - To the question, “Did you find this discussion informative?”
 - 22 out of 23 respondents answered “Yes”

- One respondent answered “No”
 - To the question, “Are you interested in hearing more on this topic in the future?”
 - 23 out of 23 respondents answered “Yes”

Questions and Comments:

- **Greg Bonett:** To understand affordable housing financing and how we can better serve some of the most vulnerable members of the community, is there another income stream out there for people who can’t hit that 30% AMI? Are there additional subsidies?
 - **Lynn Katano:** We use 30% AMI loosely, and it can go down to zero. Typically, it also includes homeless individuals, people with high-acuity disabilities. People who are in Section 8 pay 30% of their income, and the rest can be paid through Section 8 project-based vouchers. Until recently, the Department of Health Services had been able to pay a flexible housing subsidy, but that revenue stream is unfortunately limited now. Both the city and the county are providing project-based vouchers for these housing projects to ensure they can serve the homeless population.
- **Brenda Martinez** (via chat): What if the person is on a waiting list for Section 8?
 - I can’t speak to the waiting list, which would be a question for the housing authority. Our projects focus on the project-based vouchers for the particular projects. I would be happy to connect you to the right individual.
- **Elena Popp:** I have been getting a lot of complaints about the Brine about people being relocated. There is a rising local movement against it that is not NIMBY, but about protecting existing tenants. Can we connect to have a conversation about this?
 - **Heather Hays** will put Lynn Katano and Elena Popp in touch for further discussion.
- **Veta Gashgai:** We need the development, but we are also aware that Boyle Heights is highly impacted. We don’t have enough parking or resources. We created a group called First Blocks of Whittier/Organized Blocks of Boyle Heights to address issues such as overflowing trash cans, the lack of street sweeping on major streets, fires starting, and other unsanitary conditions. We are also concerned about luxury apartments moving in. We welcome affordable housing and services that help our homeless neighbors, but we are concerned about bringing in more people from other areas without addressing these problems and creating safe, healthy, livable conditions.
 - **Heather Hays:** We’ve had presentations in the past from county departments that are responsible for sanitation. Perhaps we can bring them back for further conversation on these concerns.
 - **Lynn Katano:** Parking requirements are established by the Department of Regional Planning. There have been some reductions allowed for homeless housing. I know you have been working with Waqas and Guadalupe to ensure the voices of the community are heard, such as with parking at the 3rd and Dangler site. At the “triangle site” (RCV), we will be working with the community to ensure adequate on-site parking, especially given the limitations of street parking.
 - **Beatriz Zaragoza** (via chat): Great comment Veta... we definitely have a parking crisis! Unfortunately, LA Metro and many developers don't think like that... assuming people will be using public transportation [and] only offering partial parking spaces for their tenants.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alex Villalobos (via chat): I agree with Veta’s concerns. There are several projects that will offer solutions to those with housing needs but there are also the immediate needs of current residents in Boyle Heights and the broader East and Northeast that need to be addressed. I have heard and been a part of several conversations of residents of both East LA and Boyle Heights where people are concerned with the scarcity of resources, and ask how they will be helped while these programs are implemented. ● Roberto Roque (via chat): I understand that units in affordable housing projects are open to anyone eligible. But can the county work with housing developers to work in collaboration with local CBOs to increase outreach about units to the local community? ● Juana Mena (via chat): Es muy buen plan de pensar en tener recursos para personas con problemas mentales y todo lo que se está trabajando en LAC-USC es muy bueno para la comunidad. Sí tenemos que mantenernos fuertes y educándonos en la comunidad. / <i>It is a good plan to have resources for people with mental health issues. The work being done at LAC+USC is very good for the community. We have to stay strong and continue to educate ourselves.</i>
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IV. COVID-19 Update from LA County Department of Health	<p>Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update - Tiffany Romo, Senior Public Health Analyst, LA County DPH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID-19 Updates (as of Sept. 3, 2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New cases reported: 1,193 ▪ Total cases reported: 244,999 Cases ○ Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7-Day Daily average: 12,732 ▪ Total # of people tested: 2,332,066 Testing ○ Positivity Rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7-Day Daily Average: 4.8% Positivity Rate ○ Deaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New deaths reported: 61 ▪ Total deaths reported: 5,932 Deaths ○ Hospitalizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current hospitalizations: 1,062 Hospitalizations ○ These numbers are trending downward, and we hope to continue this trend ● COVID-19 Health Officer Order Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Effective Sept. 2, barbershops and hair salons to reopen indoor operations with required modifications ○ Starting September 14, schools K-12 may offer in-school services for small cohorts of students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individualized education programs (IEP); ▪ English Learners (EL); OR ▪ Students needing assessments or specialized in-school services
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- These protocols and other industry-specific protocols are written by DPH and can be found at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>

- **California’s Tiered Framework for Reopening**

- Tier (Risk Level) 1: Widespread
 - Positivity rate: greater than 8%
 - Case rate per 100,000: More than 7 daily new cases
- Tier 2: Substantial
 - Positivity rate: 5% to 8%
 - Case rate per 100,000: 4 to 7 daily new cases
- Tier 3:
 - Positivity rate: 2% to 4.9%
 - Case rate per 100,000: 1 to 3.9 daily new cases
- Tier 4:
 - Positivity rate: Less than 2%
 - Case rate per 100,000: Less than 1 daily new case

- **Los Angeles County is Currently in Tier 1**

- While the positivity rate (4.8%) is in the Tier 2 range,
- The new case rate (13.1/100,000) remains in the Tier 1 range

- **How HICP Partners Can Help**

- During the pandemic, our team’s added responsibilities have limited our capacity to conduct community outreach to the extent we had before COVID-19. We hope our HICP partners can help us by leveraging your relationships with the community to improve outreach, messaging, and partnership with communities most impacted by this crisis.
- Outreach:
 - Prevention Messaging
 - Quarantine Fatigue: If you haven’t felt as motivated to follow health guidelines, you’re not alone. Quarantine fatigue is real, but we can’t give up just yet.
 - All public and private gatherings are still not allowed. Avoid the Three C’s:
 - Crowds
 - Confined spaces
 - Close contact
 - Community toolkits for outreach and social media are available at <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/community-toolkit/>
 - Reporting
 - If three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases are reported at one workplace within 14 days, employers should call Public Health immediately at 888-397-3993 or 213-240-7821
 - Employees as well as employers can report workplace outbreaks

- Contact Tracing
 - Contact tracing is one of our most important tools for limiting community spread
 - It can be controversial for undocumented populations or those working under the table, but this information is used solely for contact tracing and is not shared outside of this program
 - Contact tracing efforts initiate if:
 - You have tested positive for COVID-19
 - The places you have been
 - The people you have been around while you are infectious
 - Public Health will notify those people about their exposure to the virus -- we will not tell them about you
 - You have been in contact with someone with COVID-19
 - Let you know if you may have been exposed to the virus
 - See how you are feeling
 - Let you know what to do based on your risk for developing COVID-19
 - Contact tracing enhancements
 - Contact tracing incentive program
 - Support for isolation and quarantine
 - COVID-19 Case Information Line (toll free): 1-833-540-0473
 - For more information, visit <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/contact-tracing/>
- Partnership in messaging
 - We are working with community partners to develop messaging on COVID-19 prevention for the upcoming flu season
 - We are hosting listening sessions, which are an opportunity for people to give input on how to effectively communicate with LA County residents
 - Current listening sessions are focused on the flu and COVID
 - Future listening session topics will include vaccine awareness
- Stay Informed
 - Information and guidance is constantly changing
 - If you would like to be added to a listserv for updated information on weekly messaging, please email me at tromo@ph.lacounty.gov
 - Check the public health website regularly at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
 - Find information on:
 - What's open in LA County
 - What to do if you are sick or exposed
 - Testing
 - Local data

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resources, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dial 2-1-1 for additional resources <p>Questions and Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ari Gutierrez Arambula (via chat): Where are the most positive tests coming from - how can this be mitigated? ● Monica Alcaraz (via chat): This is a county effort geared for younger adults https://covid19.lacounty.gov/risk/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monica Alcaraz (via email): Just wanted to share a county social media campaign geared for a younger population regarding covid-19. I am really excited about it because my daughter was chosen to be part of it. She is the one speaking Spanish. Share the video if you can. https://vimeo.com/449428420 ● Vivian Escalante (via chat): Good Morning, I would like to see the comparisons between how many are positive and how many are negative. We don't hear much about the %'s or #'s between the two. ● Roberto Roque (via chat): How many of the positive tests are duplicative...
<p>V. LAC+USC Medical Center Update</p>	<p>LAC+USC Medical Center Update on COVID-19 - Edgar Solis, RN, MSHCA, Chief Operating Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID positive cases at the Medical Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Similar to county, we are seeing a decrease in COVID numbers from the peak of 110 COVID-positive patients in July ○ As of this morning, our hospital has 40 positive COVID cases ○ 16 patients are in the ICU ○ 8 patients are on ventilators ○ Most patients are in the medical-surgical area, which is a lower severity of illness than the ICU ● Prevention measures in place at the Medical Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have signage throughout the hospital to encourage physical distancing, such as maximum occupancy on elevators, and floor markings ○ We will soon provide texting services so patients do not have to wait inside the waiting room after checking in ○ Environmental controls such as negative pressure in some areas reduce air circulation to reduce transmission ○ We are providing drive-up COVID-19 testing for patients undergoing surgery or inpatient procedures ○ Vaccine campaigns for pediatric patients and follow-up appointments can also be provided as drive up services ○ We have ample supplies of PPE, which meets all requirements set by all CDC and local requirements ● Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Testing services were initially provided for hospital staff, but we will begin hosting a testing site open to symptomatic patients ● Mobile voting center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are working with Rosa Soto and Connie Castro to host a mobile voting center in our courtyard for staff, respecting all public health guidelines

	<p>Questions and Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rosa Soto (via chat): What will be visitor policies for those hospitalized going forward? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Edgar Solis (via video): We know this is very important to the community. Initially, visitation was very restricted. With the decrease in COVID cases, we have relaxed requirements to allow for more visitors. Patients can have two visitors for a limited time and spaced throughout the day. They must be masked and use hand sanitizer before entering the room. Our visitation policy will be updated this week. ● Ari Gutierrez Arambula (via chat): Should we take the flu shot as usual? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Edgar Solis (via video): Yes, the sooner you take it the better! ○ Priscilla Marin (via chat): Yes. priscilla.marin@med.usc.edu
<p>VI. Partner and Community Updates</p>	<p>Voter Registration Update - Rosa Soto, LAC+USC Medical Center Foundation/The Wellness Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VotER program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many doctors are concerned about voting access in the upcoming elections, and recognize that participation in the democratic system is an important way to ensure good health care ○ Hospital staff will receive training to guide patients through the registration process in a non-partisan manner. ○ Voter registration materials, created by VotER, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Badge backers for ID lanyards ▪ Discharge handouts ▪ Cellphone backgrounds with custom QR Codes ▪ Posters in high traffic patient areas throughout the hospital, clinics and common areas encouraging patients and visitors to register to vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To register, text “VOTE HEALTH to 34444 ● Or visit vot-er.org/HEALTH ▪ Partners: LAC+USC Medical Center, DOCS 4 POC, The Wellness Center ● The mobile voting center will be open between October 24-November 2 so hospital staff can drop off the ballot at the Medical Center. The center is not intended for members of the community who don’t work on site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ruby Rivera (via chat): How early will [voting] centers open? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rosa Soto (via video): Some voting centers are already open to send in your absentee ballots early. We will bring a presenter in October to provide up-to-date information <p>Women’s and Children’s Hospital Commemorative Ceremony - Monica Alcaraz, Exodus Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The date for the ceremony has been set for October 1, 2020 ● The event will be held virtually to comply with physical distancing guidelines and will be fully live-streamed ● The ceremony program will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recorded testimonials and personal stories ○ Blessing of the land – healing and cleansing ceremonies by Aztec Dancers and Tongva Community

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For more information, please contact Monica Alcaraz (malcaraz@exodusrecovery.com) or leave your email address in the chat ● Rosa Soto: I want to give a shout-out to the East La Women's Center as part of their series called Cafe Con. They presented a short film called <i>For Rosa</i> about the women who jointly brought the lawsuit about the practices forced sterilization at the hospital in the 1960s and 1970s. There are many partners at HICP who are leaders in reproductive health, and we want to ensure that we are aware of our past and our present so we can provide the best services to our most vulnerable community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beatriz Zaragoza (via chat): Additional note on Rosa Soto's comment, Luna Fest is September 24th, I highly recommend it. Follow ELAWC on Instagram for updates on how to buy your tickets. <p>LAC+USC Medical Campus Projects Update - Alicia Ramos, Department of Public Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For the Women's and Children's Hospital Demolition, we expect to go before the board at the end of September to authorize the contract for the structural demolition ● Activity on the site is anticipated to start in October 2020 <p>Census Update - Ari Gutierrez Arambula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Census deadline was moved up to Sept 30, and our communities are behind participation targets ● Please help remind people to complete the Census forms, and where needed, help them fill it out. ● If they no longer have the code that was mailed to them, they can still complete it by entering their address (based on their place of residence on April 1, 2020) ● (Via chat): We get weekly We Count LA announcements with updated tool kits. These are the latest outreach fliers: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1r0wJx7pqUV8jJ7S59VXtXMLx5YS9G3z242xArlIGN6A/edit?usp=sharing
<p>VII. Closing and Evaluation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heather Hays thanked everyone for their participation and circulated a meeting feedback poll: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To the question, "On a scale from 1 - 5, how informative was today's meeting?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 19 out of 25 respondents answered "1 = very informative" ▪ Five respondents answered "4" ▪ One respondent answered "1" ○ To the question, "What could have been done differently?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11 out of 25 respondents answered "More time for Q&A" ▪ Four respondents answered "Time allocation for each topic/speaker" ▪ Ten respondents answered "N/A" ● The next HICP meeting will be held on Friday, October 2, 2020