

Tellingly, the price of enforcement is higher than the investment in shelters — \$29 million for the former and \$20 million for the latter. The \$29 million represents an increase in current spending for the BOS and LAPD. A 2016 City Administrative Office (CAO) report noted that Los Angeles spends more than \$100 million a year coping with homelessness, including as much as \$87 million that goes to arrests, skid row patrols and mental health interventions. (Holland, Times)

Lastly, this enforcement remains heavily racialized. By 2016 there was one houseless arrest for every two houseless people in L.A. This is 17 times the arrest rate among the total population of the city. (MDH 2017) African Americans represent the majority of all houseless arrests (37%) and the majority of the houseless population (43%). (MDH 2017) Arrest rates of houseless Latinos doubled between 2011 and 2016, accounting for 53% of the increase in all houseless arrests. (MDH 2017)

Recommendations/Demands:

1. **Eliminate enforcement as a core strategy of the proposed shelter plan.** Los Angeles must stop this failed policy of attempting to arrest its way out of homelessness. LAPD must be immediately relieved of all homeless outreach and related duties.
2. **Reallocate the proposed \$29 million enforcement increase to provide short- and long-term housing options.** Numerous local housing strategies are being employed and could use additional investment.
3. **Direct the CAO to audit current spending related to homeless enforcement and sanitation and provide a detailed report within 90 days.**
4. **Proposed shelters must operate on a 24-hour basis and include accommodations for families, pets, gender non-conforming and disabled guests.** Additionally, shelters can't limit entry based on race, religious belief, substance use or other restrictions designed to exclude potential guests.
5. **Proposition HHH resources must not be used to fund shelter and enforcement efforts.** Prop. HHH initially estimated a total of 10,000 permanent supportive housing units would be built in a decade under the \$1.2 billion Bond Authority. New estimates put that number closer to 6,000 units, only if the remaining authority is used solely for housing construction. The only way to end homelessness is to house people. We must not use resource earmarked for housing on temporary shelters and policing.
6. **Do not proceed in a manner that pits communities against one another.** The proposed shelter in Koreatown has reopened levels of deep anti-Black resentment not seen since the 1992 Rebellion/*Saigu*. This sentiment definitely does not represent the entire Korean community, many of whom stand in strong solidarity with black people in Los Angeles. Proceeding haphazardly jeopardizes decades of work that extends well beyond the building of a shelter.