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This is the comment that I submitted for the County's plan, and I believe it is very applicable to the City plan as well.

While efforts to address the lack of housing stock are commendable, there seems to be at least one category of individuals whose housing needs are not being addressed: those who are disabled and fall into the category of a VI-SPDAT score 5-9 (acuity 2). These individuals are disabled and receiving SSI, but cannot afford market rate or affordable housing units (\$500 or more a month in rent). However, because they only have one disability, they are not prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing and since there is not enough PSH, they have very limited chances of ever being matched to one of these types of units. The recommended housing intervention is Rapid Rehousing, but RRH is a short term subsidy. Persons who are disabled are by definition, unable to work, which means their income will be fixed (SSI=\$889.40 a month). When the short term subsidy ends, they will be unable to afford the rent and will end up back in homelessness. Disabled individuals on SSI need an ongoing housing subsidy to maintain housing in the Los Angeles rental market. What seems to be the most viable option is to allocate Project Based Voucher units to these individuals. Increasing the number of PBV units will provide a housing resource for those who are disabled but not high acuity. This will also help to ensure that all PSH units are matched to individuals of high acuity.

In addition, I would emphasize two strategies that I believe the City could use to address this issue: having HACLA allocate PBV turnover units to disabled homeless individuals (as the County has in their plan with HACoLA) and to advocate with HUD to have some HUD turnover subsidized units allocated to homeless disabled persons. HUD's properties are managed by LOMOD.

Founded by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) in December of 1973, Los Angeles LOMOD's mission is to provide and support good quality housing for low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

In January 2003, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Los Angeles LOMOD Corporation's application to be the Contract Administrator for selected project-based Housing Assistance Payments contracts in ten Southern California counties:

Below is the list of the counties:

- Los Angeles
- Kern
- Imperial
- Orange
- Riverside
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara
- Ventura

LOMOD is currently responsible for oversight of 715 amounting to over 47,572 affordable housing units.

I believe that LOMOD turnover units should be allocated for homeless disabled individuals, but this will take advocacy. I hope this suggestion makes sense . . . please feel free to call me for clarification!

Thanks,  
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