



# Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles

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## **Veterans Affairs Staff co-locate to Housing Authority offices to Streamline Housing Services for Veterans, United States VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald, Congressman Xavier Becerra and Congressman Ted Lieu to visit HACLA**

**What:** Los Angeles has the largest concentration of homeless veterans in the nation. In 2014, Mayor Eric Garcetti pledged to end veterans' homelessness in the City by 2016. The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is leading the effort; To aid in this goal, thirty-six (36) VA staff have co-located to HACLA offices to better deliver services and to ensure that staff from the two agencies can work together to refer eligible veterans for housing, process paperwork in a timely manner to house the maximum number of homeless veterans.

The multi-governmental coordination will ensure that the most efficient process is in place. In March, HACLA was awarded 490 additional HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. HACLA's total allocation is now 3,669 HUD-VASH vouchers, providing more than \$30 million of rental assistance per year.

**Who:** Invited dignitaries include Congressman Xavier Becerra and Congressman Ted Lieu

**When and Where:** 2600 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90057  
Wednesday, May 6, 2015  
10:45 am

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### About HACLA

The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is a state-chartered public agency. It provides the largest stock of affordable housing in Los Angeles and is one of the nation's leading public housing authorities. It is also one of the oldest, providing quality housing options and supportive services to the citizens of Los Angeles since 1938.

