



*A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP EVERY NIGHT.*

# THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND VEHICULAR HOMELESSNESS

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# OUR WHY

## NEED

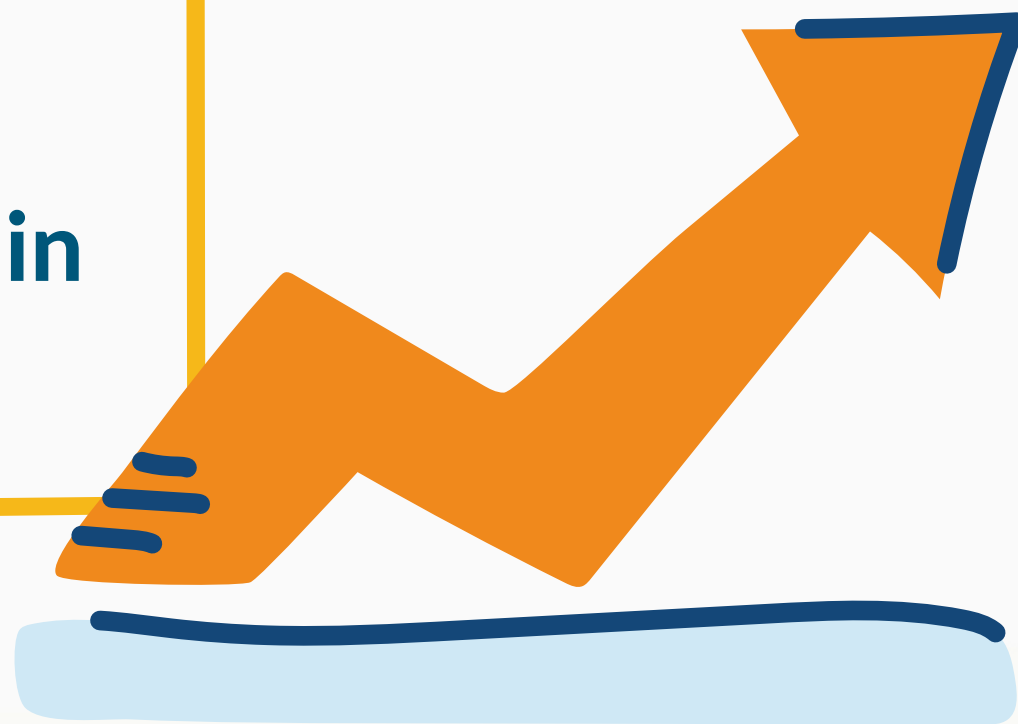
LA County's 2022 Homeless Count estimated **69,144 people** are unhoused.

**Over 1/3** live in their vehicle.

**The number of people living in their vehicles is growing.**

## SECRET SAUCE:

SPLA bridges a gap in services by employing underutilized parking lots to address the unique needs of residents whose source of shelter is their car or van.



# OUR HISTORY

## 2020

Expanded supportive services to include **full case management.**

## 2017

**First SPLA lot/program** launched when City Council made a policy change allowing any property - building or parking lot - to act as a shelter.

## 2018

SPLA program grows to **multiple lots.**

## 2023

**Operating 6 lots** across LA and opening our newest/largest lot in March 2023 in LAX area.

# OUR IMPACT

**6 LOTS**

with 144  
available spaces

**6** Case Managers

**3** Lot Coordinators



**634**

Clients Served

**26,193**

Safe nights  
spent in our program

**588**

Financial assistance  
disbursements  
to clients

**160**

Clients who  
transitioned into  
housing



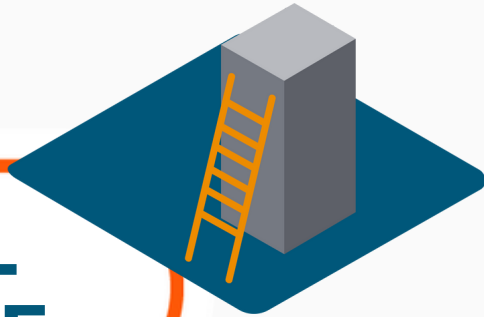
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reflects SPLA data from  
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

# OUR PROGRAM

LOT OPERATIONS



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



CLIENT INTAKE



CASE MANAGEMENT



HOUSING STABILIZATION





# INTAKE

## CONNECT

- Email: [intakes@safeparkingla.org](mailto:intakes@safeparkingla.org)
- Phone: 323-210-3375
- Website Interest Form
- In person (*appointments required*)
- LAHSA referral
- Internal referral

## FIRST POC

- Assess for DV
- Assess Next Steps
- Support Their Choice



# ELIGIBILITY

## REQS

- Valid Drivers License
- National Sex Offender Public Website (Libraries and VA lot)
- Operable vehicle

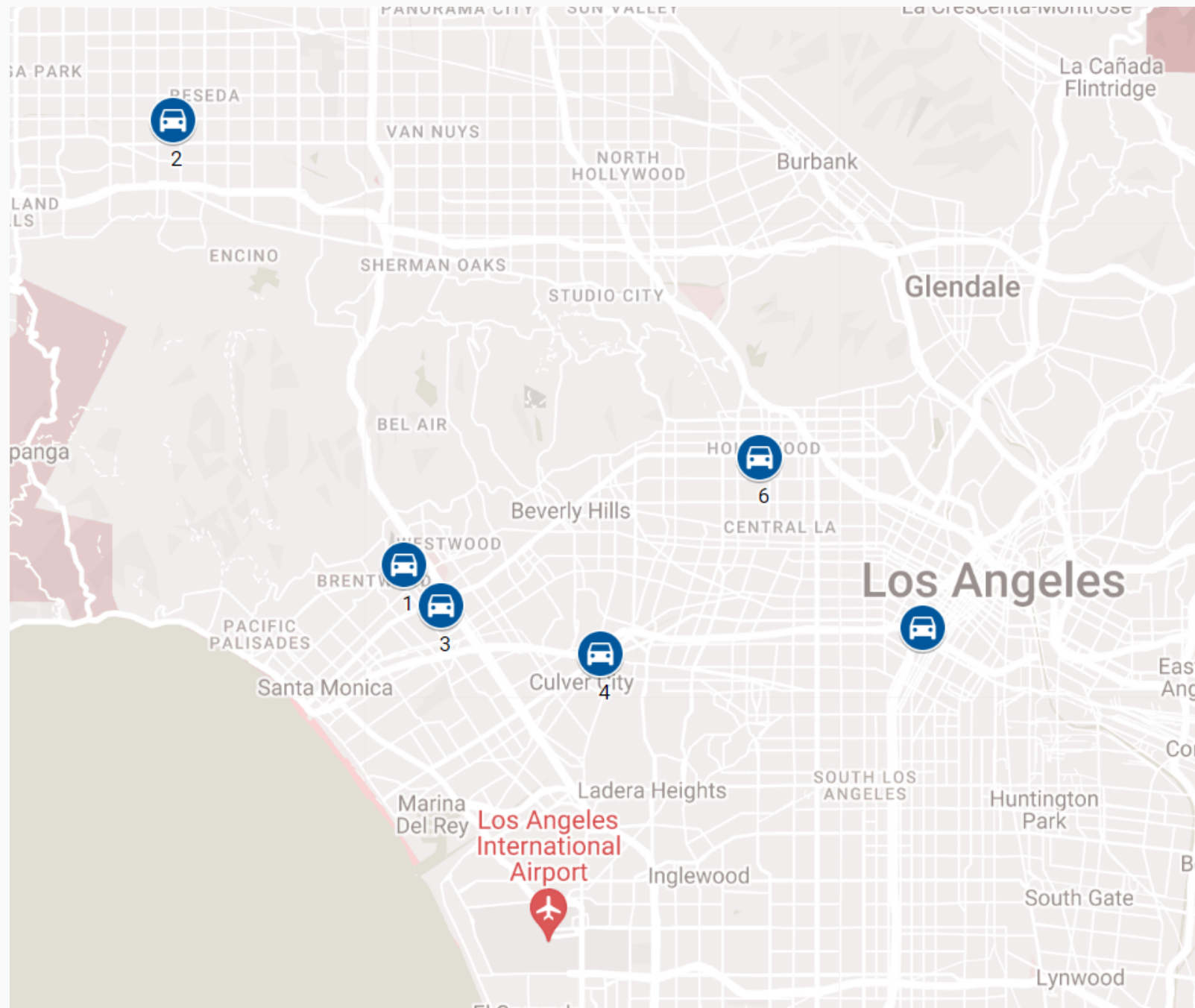
## DOCUMENTS

Low Barrier!

- Registration/Proof of ownership
- Insurance
- Driver's License

**\*\*Provisional Permits\*\***

# LOTS



## SPA 5:

- VA - 30 spaces
  - *\*Veterans only; RVs permitted*
- Iowa - 25 spaces
- National - 19 Spaces

## SPA 2:

- Vanowen - 25 spaces

## SPA 4:

- Convention Center – 30 Spaces
- Cole – 20 Spaces

\*One stay allowed if they are not permitted



# LOT OPERATIONS

## AMENITIES

- Undisclosed Locations
- Safe Parking Spaces
- Portable Bathrooms
- Handwashing Units / Running Water
- Security Guards during Lot Hours

## ADD'L SUPPORT

- Lot Coordinators visit lots once per week
- After Hours Support
- Case Managers visit lots to connect with clients
- Some parking lots have access to Wi-Fi
- Some have access to outlets

# SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

## CASE MANAGEMENT

- Individual Service Plan
- Assessment of Need
- Linkages to Critical Services
- Continuous Monitoring
- Client Advocacy
- Education
- Financial Assistance
- After Care



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## AUTO

- Car Repairs
- Gas Cards
- Auto Insurance
- Payments
- Car Titles and Registration

## HOUSING

- Rental Assistance
- Housing Essentials
- Application Fees
- Utilities
- Grocery Gift Cards

## OTHER

- Credit Repair
- Employment Certification Support
- Employment Authorization Cards
- Food Support
- Education
- AAA Memberships

# OUR CLIENTS

- Employed
- Seniors
- Families
- First time experiencing homelessness

# DV SURVIVORS

- Unhoused
- Living in their vehicle
- Isolated
- Need supportive services
- Heightened
- Moved several times
- Instability



# POWER OF CHOICE

## VALUES

- We strive for **CONNECTION** with others.
- We support individual **CHOICE**.
- We treat people with **DIGNITY, RESPECT, and COMPASSION**
- We act with **URGENCY** to make an impact.

## INDIVIDUAL CHOICE:

- Does not want to be placed in a shelter
- Cannot be placed in a shelter
- New to LA and fleeing
- Not ready / Alternate options as a temporary solution



# SAFETY PLANNING



- TIC at Intake

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- Keeping information confidential

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- Retracting information on HMIS

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- Transfer lot locations

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- Funds for emergency motel transfers**

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- Problem Solving - explore support systems

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- Partnerships with LAPD - when requested

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# SUCCESS STORY



Annabelle discovered Safe Parking LA after she left an **unstable relationship** in Nevada. She enrolled in our program along with her 12-year-old **daughter**, Dana.

During her case management sessions, Annabelle shared that she struggled with her **mental health, income, child's education, and credit repair**. Her case manager began by stabilizing her - addressing her mental health by connecting her to **Saban Clinic**, supporting her in **increasing her employment hours**, and referring her to our **credit repair program**.

Then they focused on Dana's education, partnering Pupil Services and Attendance to **decrease barriers to academic achievement**. The case manager also supported them with connections to **showers, laundry, and food**.

Once Annabelle and Dana's urgent needs were addressed, they were able to focus on **housing goals**. Annabelle did not want to initially enter shelter. Through the referral submitted by her case manager, Annabelle and her daughter are now housed in the **Farley House** where she continues to receive case management services. SPLA supported her transition by **paying the first month's rent and household essentials**.

# Q & A





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