



# SafeParkingLA

*Hope and Housing for People Living in their Vehicles*

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## OUR MISSION

Safe Parking LA provides safe overnight parking to facilitate stability and housing in Los Angeles County for individuals living in their vehicles, and advocates for fair and equitable treatment and resources for the unhoused.

## OUR VISION

Individuals and families living in their vehicles will have an expedited path to housing through a system that opens doors.



# OUR WHY

## THE NEED

- LA County's 2022 Homeless Count estimated **69,144 people** are unhoused.
- **17% increase** in people living in tents, vehicles, and makeshift shelters.
- The number of people living in their vehicles is growing.

## OUR FOCUS:

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

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## 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** - **including our VA Lot**

## 2020

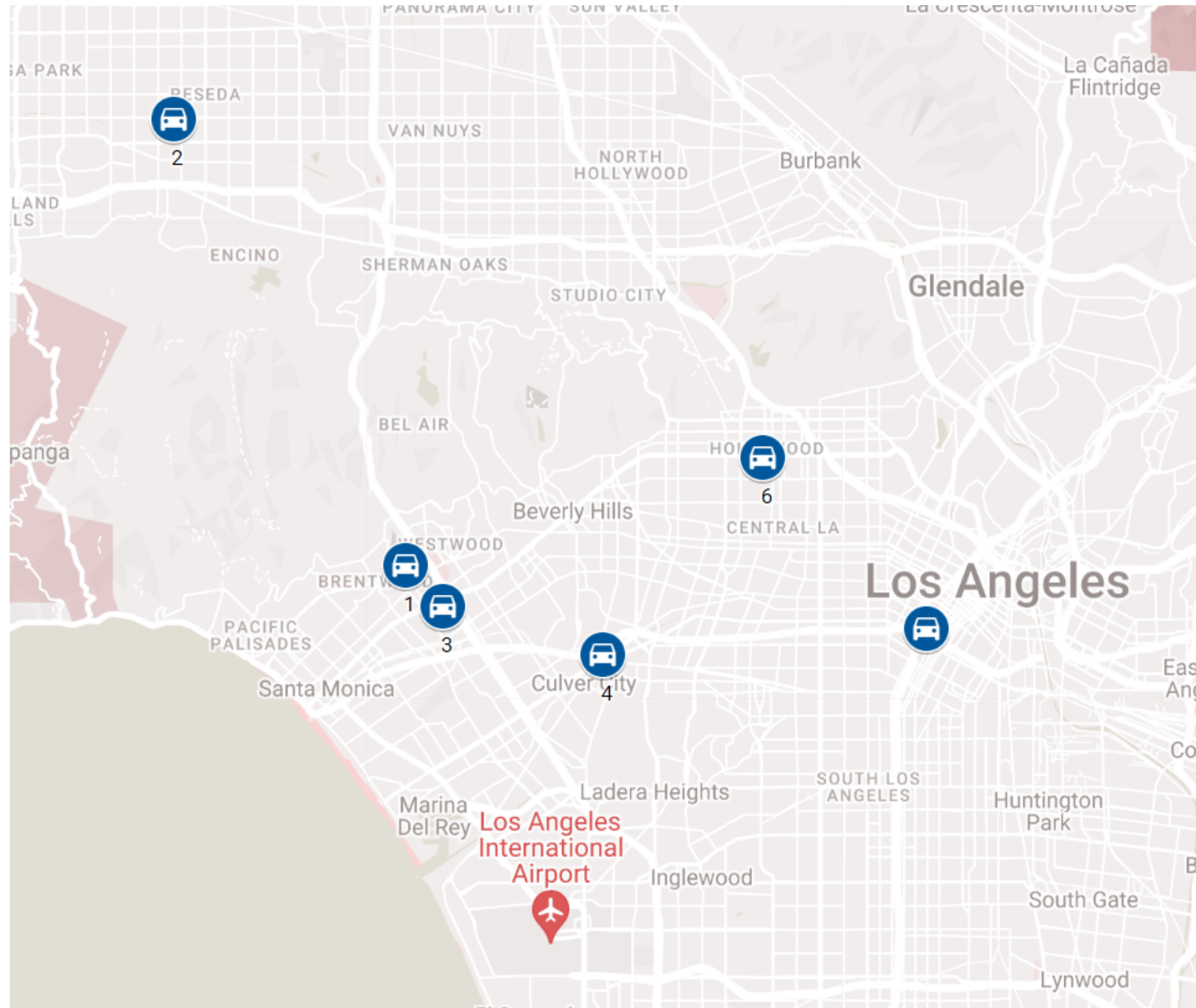
Expanded supportive services to include **full case management.**

## 2023

**Operating 6 lots** across LA - and opening our newest/largest lot in the LAX area soon!



# OUR LOTS



All Safe Parking LA lots operate 7 nights a week, 365 days per year.

## Service Areas:

- Hollywood
- West Los Angeles
- Downtown Los Angeles
- Reseda
- Veterans Administration

*\*One night stay allowed if they are not permitted*



# SAFETY & DIGNITY

## VALUES



## SAFETY



## SERVICES



## DIGNITY

- Connection
- Individual Choice
- Dignity, Respect & Compassion
- Urgent Impact

- Restrooms
- Running Water
- Security Guards
- Undisclosed Locations

- Access to Local Resources
- Case Management
- Financial Assistance
- Goals Assessment

- Reduced Isolation
- Foster Connections
- Trauma is Addressed
- Build Healthy Communities
- Fair & Equitable Treatment



# OUR PROGRAM

1

CLIENT INTAKE



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LOT OPERATIONS



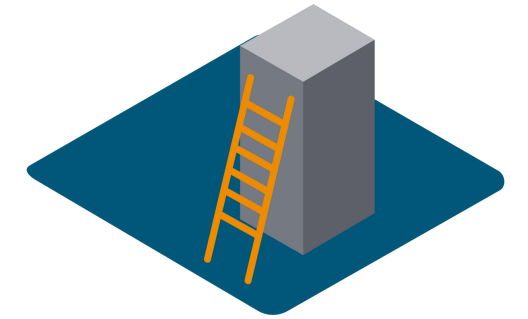
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CASE MANAGEMENT



4

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



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HOUSING STABILIZATION





# OUR CLIENTS

## GENERAL

- Mostly employed
- Seniors
- Families
- Unhoused
- Living in vehicle
- Isolated
- Need supportive services
- Often experiencing homelessness for the first time

## VETERAN-SPECIFIC

- RV Parking
- Pathway to housing (VASH)
- Service animals
- History of homelessness





# INTAKE

## CONNECT

- Email
- Phone
- Website
- In person
- Referrals

## FIRST POC

- Veteran status  
(healthcare eligible)
- Assess Next Steps
- Support Their Choice

## REQS

Low Barrier!

- Registration
- Insurance
- Driver's License
- Operable vehicle
- National Sex Offender  
Public Website (VA lot)



# LOT OPERATIONS

## AMENITIES

- Undisclosed Locations
- Safe Parking Spaces
- Bathrooms
- Handwashing stations
- Some parking lots have access to Wi-Fi

## SUPPORT

- Guards during lot hours for safety and security
- Lot Coordinators visit lots 3x per week
- Case Managers visit lots to connect with clients
- Monthly Lot Community Meetings
- Volunteer Engagement, meal and clothing donations
- After Hours Support



# CASE MANAGEMENT

Engaging participants to help them reach their optimum level of wellness by centering **their** needs.

## SUPPORT

- Assessment of Needs
- Individual Service Plans
- Linkages to Services
- Continuous Monitoring
- Participant Advocacy
- Education
- Financial Assistance
- After Care

## STRENGTH-BASED

- All participants have strengths
- Motivation can be fostered
- Meeting participants where they are at
- Trauma-informed
- Options and resources
- Encourage proactivity

## EFFECTS

- Stabilization
- Pathway to Housing
- Increased medical services
- Improved mental status
- Self sufficiency
- Improved quality of life



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## AUTO

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



# VETERAN SAFE PARKING

Safe Parking LA operates a lot at the US Department of Veteran Affairs, West LA campus. Veterans receive comprehensive supportive housing services.

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- 7,300 hot meals annually
- Access to laundry
- VASH vouchers
- RV Parking
- Efund
- Showers
- Clothing
- Health screenings
- Pet care
- VA and Social Security benefits
- Counseling
- Legal Services



# OUR IMPACT

**6 LOTS**

with 144  
available spaces

**8** Case Managers

**3** Lot Coordinators

**634**

Participants Served

**26,193**

Safe nights  
spent in our program

**588**

Financial assistance  
disbursements  
to participants

**160**

Participants who  
transitioned into  
housing

\*reflects SPLA data from FY22  
(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)



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