



COUNTY OF ORANGE
OFFICE OF CARE
COORDINATION

Policies, Procedures and Standards
(PPS) Committee Meeting
October 14, 2025

Welcome and Introductions

Nishtha Mohendra, Chair

Public Comments

Consent Calendar

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Recommended Action

1. Approve the PPS Committee Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025

Business Calendar

**Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC)
Governance Charter Revisions**

Jasmin Miranda, Interim CoC Administrator,
Office of Care Coordination

Business Calendar – Item #1

CoC Board Nomination and Election Process

- Each year, the Orange County CoC Board establishes a CoC Nominating Ad Hoc to support the annual review of the Orange County CoC Governance Charter (Charter) and facilitate the CoC Board selection process for the CoC Board seats expiring in December.
- During the August 25, 2025, CoC Board meeting, the CoC Board approved the recommendation to establish the 2025 CoC Nominating Ad Hoc (Ad Hoc) to facilitate the annual Charter review and nomination and selection process.
- Additionally, CoC Board members suggested that the Ad Hoc consider reviewing a special process for selecting Board members when vacancies occur between regular election cycles, and whether it would be beneficial to establish a policy and process that ensures only one-third of the CoC Board seats expire each year.
- The Ad Hoc includes one (1) current CoC Board Member that is not up for re-election as well as additional members, including CoC General Members and non-CoC General Members, representing different entities of the homeless service system.
 - The Ad Hoc membership includes Shawndrea Bronson, Elizabeth Flores, Jason Mercado, Robert “Santa Bob” Morse, Dr. Apphia-Yaya Schramenko, and Melissa Welsh.

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Ad Hoc's Charter Review

- The Ad Hoc convened four times from September 2025 to October 2025 to review, discuss, and update key sections of the current Charter, with the support of the Office of Care Coordination (OCC).
 - The Ad Hoc and OCC had robust discussion to ensure the Charter remains compliant with regulations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, relevant Federal Executive Orders and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 CoC Program grant agreements.
- The Ad Hoc reviewed Section V.B.2. on CoC Board Composition and proposed removing language related to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and diversity in the Charter.
- As an alternative, the Ad Hoc supported maintaining a process to prioritize desired representation and expertise within the CoC Board membership, utilizing the most recently available data to ensure that the CoC Board membership background and experience recommendations align with current trends in who experiences homelessness in Orange County.

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Ad Hoc's Review of CoC Board Suggestions

- Additionally, the Ad Hoc reviewed the CoC Board members' suggestions of a special process for filling vacancies and establishing a policy and process that ensures only one-third of the CoC Board seats expire each year.
- For the special election process, the Ad Hoc and OCC proposed the revisions to the Section V.B.3. of the Charter that utilizes the most recent CoC Board candidate information and creates a special process to fill vacant seats should the vacant seat leave a gap in desired Board representation and expertise.
- For the one-third of the CoC Board seats expiring each year discussion, OCC facilitated Ad Hoc member discussion around options of either maintaining Charter language of the 3-year term for all new Board members selected through this year's election process or updating Charter to stagger 2 and 3-Year terms for new Board members selected through this year's election process to establish a process of one-third of the CoC Board member terms expiring each year.
 - The Ad Hoc discussed and came to the proposition of keeping the 3-year term for all new Board members, as reflected in Section V.B.3., in order to allow for the new 3-year term to be facilitated for an election cycle.
 - As part of the discussion, the Ad Hoc also proposed the idea to survey current CoC Board members annually to inquire about availability and desire to continue serving, to determine whether any additional vacancies may arise on the Board in the following calendar year.

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CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

- Section V.B.2 – Section V.B.4 of the Charter was reviewed in detail, and the Ad Hoc is recommending the proposed redlines as detailed in **Attachment A**. The following is a summary of the proposed changes:

Section V.B.2 CoC Board Composition

- Revisions to clarify that there will be an odd number of Board members when first appointed during elections
- Removal of past date language
- Incorporating goal of including at least one representative from the Youth Action Board (YAB) by January 2027

CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

Section V.B.2 CoC Board Composition (continued)

- Removal of desired identities or experiences including minimum number of people with specific identities/experiences, including people who are Black, Indigenous or Native American, People of Color (BIPOC), and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+), disabled, neurodivergent, and/or older adults, minimum number of people who have military service experience or military service family experience and minimum number of survivors of domestic violence (DV)
- Replacing desired identities or experiences with an internal process utilizing the most recently available data to determine how to prioritize desired representation and expertise to ensure that the CoC Board membership background and experience recommendations align with current trends in who experiences homelessness in Orange County
- Clarity on the desired professional or personal experience

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CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

Section V.B.3 CoC Board Selection Process

- Inclusion of a special process to fill vacant seats should a vacant seat leave a gap in representation
- Revised to clarify that the Nominating Ad Hoc will determine a process to verify that CoC Board candidates meet minimum qualifications
- Inclusion of CoC Board member terms, including 3-year terms and term limits, as previously approved by the CoC Board

Section V.B.4 CoC Board Qualifications

- Inclusion of “accommodation as needed” language
- Incorporation of CoC Committee Chairs responsibility of owning assigned strategies when there is a strategic plan in place

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Office of Care Coordination's Charter Review

- Prior to the Charter review, OCC as the Collaborative Applicant reached out to local CoCs to inquire if other CoCs were considering revising language within CoC policies and governing documents.
 - One local CoC shared that they are not making Charter revisions at the time but will consider removing specific references to terms such as gender identity or HUD Rules that have sunset.
- OCC also spoke to contracted consultants to determine the best steps to move forward.
- Following these discussions, OCC proposed removing diversity, equity, access, and inclusion language throughout the entire Charter to ensure compliance with HUD requirements, recent Federal Executive Orders and the FY 2024 CoC Program grant agreements.
- The Collaborative Applicant is proposing to remove all language related to diversity, equity, access, and inclusion in the Charter to ensure compliance, which includes additional edits to Sections V.B., V.C. and V.D., also detailed in **Attachment A**.
- The recommendation does not come lightly and is the result of thoughtful consideration and discussion.

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CoC Governance Charter: Recommended Revisions

- The PPS Committee is being asked to review and approve the recommended changes to the Orange County CoC Governance Charter for final approval by the CoC Board.
- If approved by the CoC Board, the recommended changes will be implemented for this year's CoC nomination and selection process.

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Recommended Action

- a. Approve the recommended changes to the Orange County CoC Governance Charter for review and approval by the CoC Board, as recommended by the 2025 CoC Nominating Ad Hoc and Collaborative Applicant.

**Coordinated Entry System (CES)
Policies and Procedures Recommended Changes**

Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination and
Andrew Crowe, CES Steering Committee Chair

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CES Policies and Procedures

- CoCs are responsible for developing local policies governing CES such as eligibility, prioritization and engagement standards. The most recent version of the Orange County CES Policies and Procedures was approved by the CoC Board on December 12, 2023.
- During the May 7, 2025, CES Steering Committee meeting, OCC provided an update that the CES Policies and Procedures was being reviewed for potential revisions.
- OCC sent an updated version of the CES Policies and Procedures for public feedback from June 26, 2025 – July 6, 2025.
- During the July 9, 2025, CES Steering Committee meeting, OCC presented a revised CES Policies and Procedures, inclusive of recommended changes for review and discussion
- At the September 3, 2025, Lived Experience Advisory Committee (LEAC) meeting, an overview was provided on the proposed changes to the CES Policies and Procedures.
- OCC returned to the CES Steering Committee meeting with the revised recommended changes to the CES Policies and Procedures for review and approval. Andrew Crowe, CES Steering Committee Chair, received the feedback from the committee and recommended to approve the revised CES Policies and Procedures as proposed, for review and approval by the LEAC.
- At the October 1, 2025, LEAC meeting, the LEAC approved the revised CES Policies and Procedures, for review and approval by the PPS Committee.

Business Calendar – Item #2

CES Policies and Procedures – Shelter Prioritization Background

- Shelter prioritization preference was a theme of the conversation at the CES Steering Committee meetings.
- Prior to September 2022, the CES Policies and Procedures provided an overall prioritization preference for sheltered participants over unsheltered participants.
- On March 23, 2022, the CoC Board recommended a working group to examine the CES prioritization policy regarding shelter preference. Over several months, the Shelter Preference Working Group (Working Group) met to discuss the shelter preference and alternative policy recommendations.
- The PPS Committee and CoC Board unanimously approved the recommendation from the Working Group in late 2022 to prioritize people experiencing chronic homelessness by length of homelessness, then people experiencing literal homelessness by 1) length of homelessness, 2) disabling condition and 3) shelter status.
- This only removed the shelter preference for **households experiencing chronic homelessness**.

CES Policies and Procedures – Shelter Prioritization Background

- Shelter programs provide crucial services and are vital partners to the Orange County homeless response system.
- Concerns around shelter preference centered around ensuring the CES prioritization provided equitable access for the most vulnerable groups to housing and aligned with best practices.
- Those experiencing unsheltered homelessness face additional barrier to entering or staying in shelter. Participants with disabilities can face barriers in accessing shelters, and those in protected groups may experience or fear discrimination or violence in shelter settings. This is relevant for congregate shelters, which comprise the most availability of beds in Orange County.
- Several neighboring communities do not consider shelter status directly in prioritization but include being unsheltered as a factor that increases prioritization in vulnerability assessments.
- Other communities prioritize unsheltered participants overall due to an increased vulnerability.

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CES Policies and Procedures – Shelter Prioritization Background

Key takeaway: Due to the large number of households experiencing verified Chronic Homelessness, the shelter status does not come into effect.

- For reference, as of the end of August 2025, there were the following number of households experiencing verified Chronic Homelessness on the Individual and Family CES Community Queues:
 - Individual CES (August 2025)
 - Households on the Community Queue: 3,704
 - Chronically homeless households: 1,895 or 51.1%
 - Family CES (August 2025)
 - Households on the Community Queue: 293
 - Chronically homeless households: 44 or 15%
 - *Note: Family CES has fewer housing opportunities available*

Proposed Changes to CES Policies and Procedures

- Removal of shelter status from prioritization schema

Current Prioritization:

1. Households experiencing Chronic Homelessness
2. Households experiencing literal homelessness with a disability
 - A. Sheltered households
 - B. Unsheltered households
3. Households experiencing literal homelessness without a disability
 - A. Sheltered households
 - B. Unsheltered households
4. Households at-risk of homelessness

Proposed Prioritization:

1. Households experiencing Chronic Homelessness
2. Households experiencing literal homelessness with a disability
3. Households experiencing literal homelessness without a disability
4. Households at-risk of homelessness

Note: Participants will be prioritized by the longest length of homelessness within each group. Other program-specific eligibility criteria and/or prioritization factors, such as local preferences, may also apply to the overall prioritization.

Proposed Changes to CES Policies and Procedures – Continued

- The recommended changes to the CES Policies and Procedures include:
 - Explaining CES prioritization in depth
 - Additional clarification on how Access Points can indicate the populations they serve
 - Defining Open and Closed Access Points
 - Clarifying language on grievance procedures and dynamic matches
 - More information on emergency transfers due to concerns relating to domestic and other violence
- OCC worked with Andrew Crowe, as the CES Steering Committee Chair, to confirm that the feedback and recommendations from the committee discussion were accurately reflected in the revised draft of the CES Policies and Procedures, and no additional changes were proposed by the LEAC.

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Proposed Changes to CES Policies and Procedures – Continued

- As part of the discussion at the meeting, the LEAC did inquire about potential prioritization changes needed, given the anticipated funding changes through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- The Office of Care Coordination will provide updates on HUD policies and funding requirements as they are made available, and can propose updates to prioritization if needed.
- The PPS Committee is being asked to review and approve the recommended changes to the CES Policies and Procedures. If approved, the revised CES Policies and Procedures will be presented to the CoC Board for review and approval.

Recommended Action

- a. Approve the revised CES Policies and Procedures, including the removal of shelter status from the prioritization schema, updates to formatting, and other clarifying language, for review and approval by the CoC Board, as recommended by the LEAC and CES Steering Committee.

2-for-1 Match Policy Recommendation

Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination and

Andrew Crowe, CES Steering Committee Chair

2-for-1 Match Policy

- OCC, as the CES Lead for the County of Orange CoC, utilizes the CES Policies and Procedures to guide the prioritization and match process to connect households to housing through CES.
- Typically, this includes matching a single household, to a single unit, however, circumstances exist where housing providers have requested multiple or 2-for-1 matches (i.e., longstanding vacancies, to meet financing deadlines for new properties at the end of the lease-up process).
- While no formal policy or guidance currently exists within the CES Policies and Procedures, this practice was allowed to occur in a few instances to mitigate the amount of time a unit was left vacant.
- As this practice began to be used more frequently in 2024 and 2025, some of the Public Housing Authorities requested for a formal policy or guidance to be issued.
- OCC, as the CES Lead, developed a draft 2-for-1 Match Policy (Policy) for housing providers that wish to opt-in to this process.

2-for-1 Match Policy

- **Purpose:** To establish the criteria and steps for the 2-for-1 match process, ensuring transparency for participants involved.
 - In creating this guidance, OCC considered partner feedback around the lease-up and turnover process, prior practice of these matches in this and other communities, and the experience of participants in this process.
- **Goals of Policy in Practice:** Provide a person-centered and trauma-informed approach, ensuring existing housing programs are utilized to the highest extent possible and enabling success for new housing programs to attract continued support from the local development community to create more housing.

2-for-1 Match Policy

Timeline of Review and Approval

- **July 9, 2025:** Policy first presented to the CES Steering Committee
- **July 10 – July 25, 2025:** Public feedback period
- **September 3, 2025:** Policy presented to the LEAC for overview and discussion, with updates made based on feedback received
- **September 3, 2025:** Policy reviewed by CES Steering Committee and recommended for approval by the LEAC, with some changes.
- **October 1, 2025:** Policy reviewed by LEAC and recommended for approval by the PPS Committee as proposed.

2-for-1 Match Policy

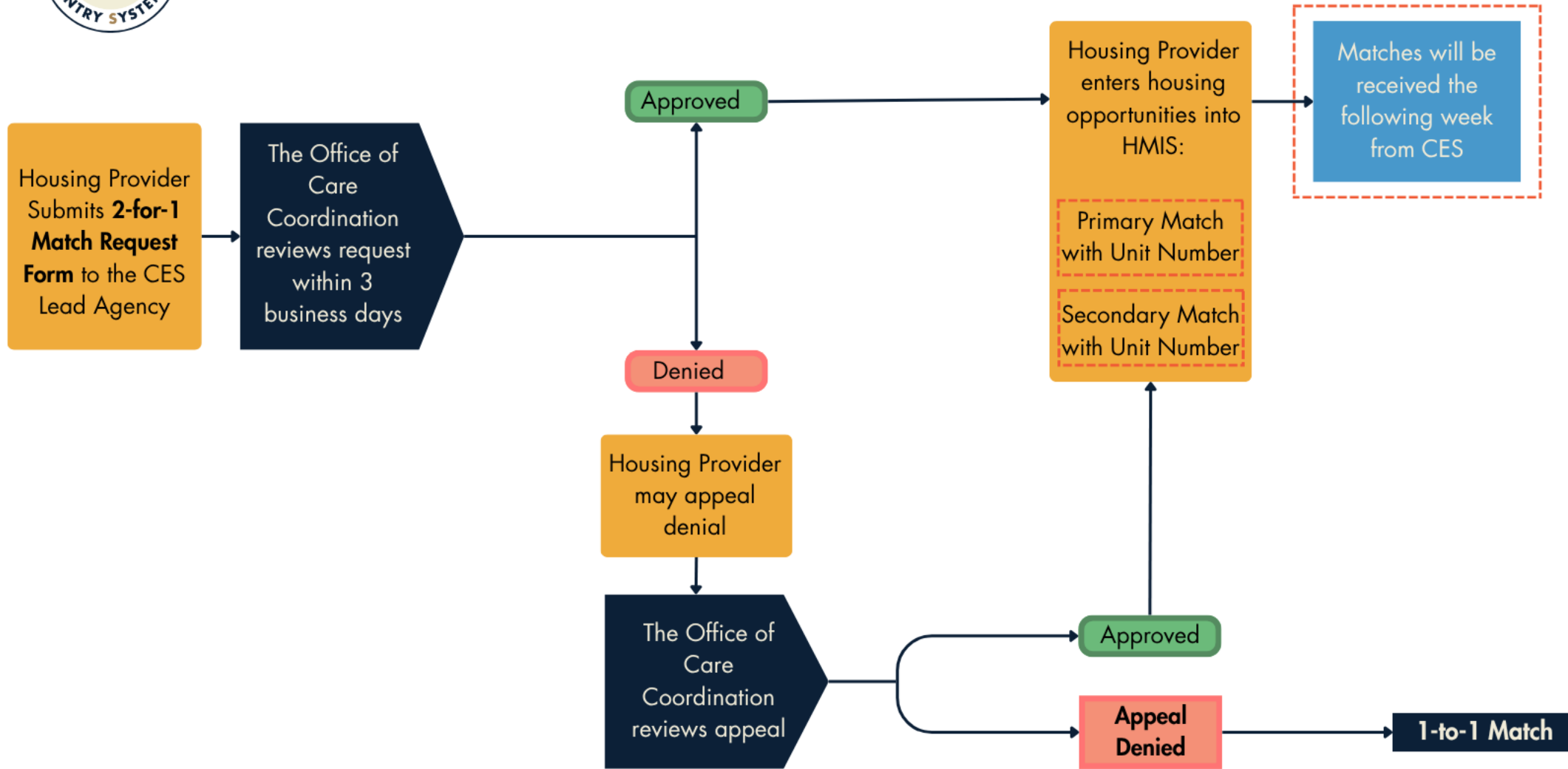
- Following the September 3, 2025, LEAC meeting, OCC presented the revised draft Policy to the CES Steering Committee.
- During the September 3, 2025, CES Steering Committee, discussion centered around the policy scenarios and criteria for requesting a 2-for-1 match, noting challenges that components of the current draft policy could pose specifically to housing providers.
- CES Steering Committee recommended to approve the proposed Policy for review and approval by the LEAC, with additional changes as detailed below, and reflected in the draft Policy in **Attachment B**.
 - **Scenarios for Requesting a 2-for-1 match:**
 - Allow requests to be made if unit has been vacant or in possession of the housing provider for a minimum of 15 days and if the unit is move-in ready.
 - **Criteria for 2-for-1 Match Requests:**
 - For secondary match – the requesting housing provider will provide the Secondary match a housing opportunity in their respective housing inventory, with the next available unit, and with the *goal* of housing the Secondary match within 45 days.

2-for-1 Match Policy

- The revised draft Policy was reviewed and approved by the LEAC on October 1, 2025, for PPS Committee review and approval.
- If approved, the Policy will be shared with the CoC Board membership for final approval.
- The flow of the Policy in practice can be viewed on the next two slides.

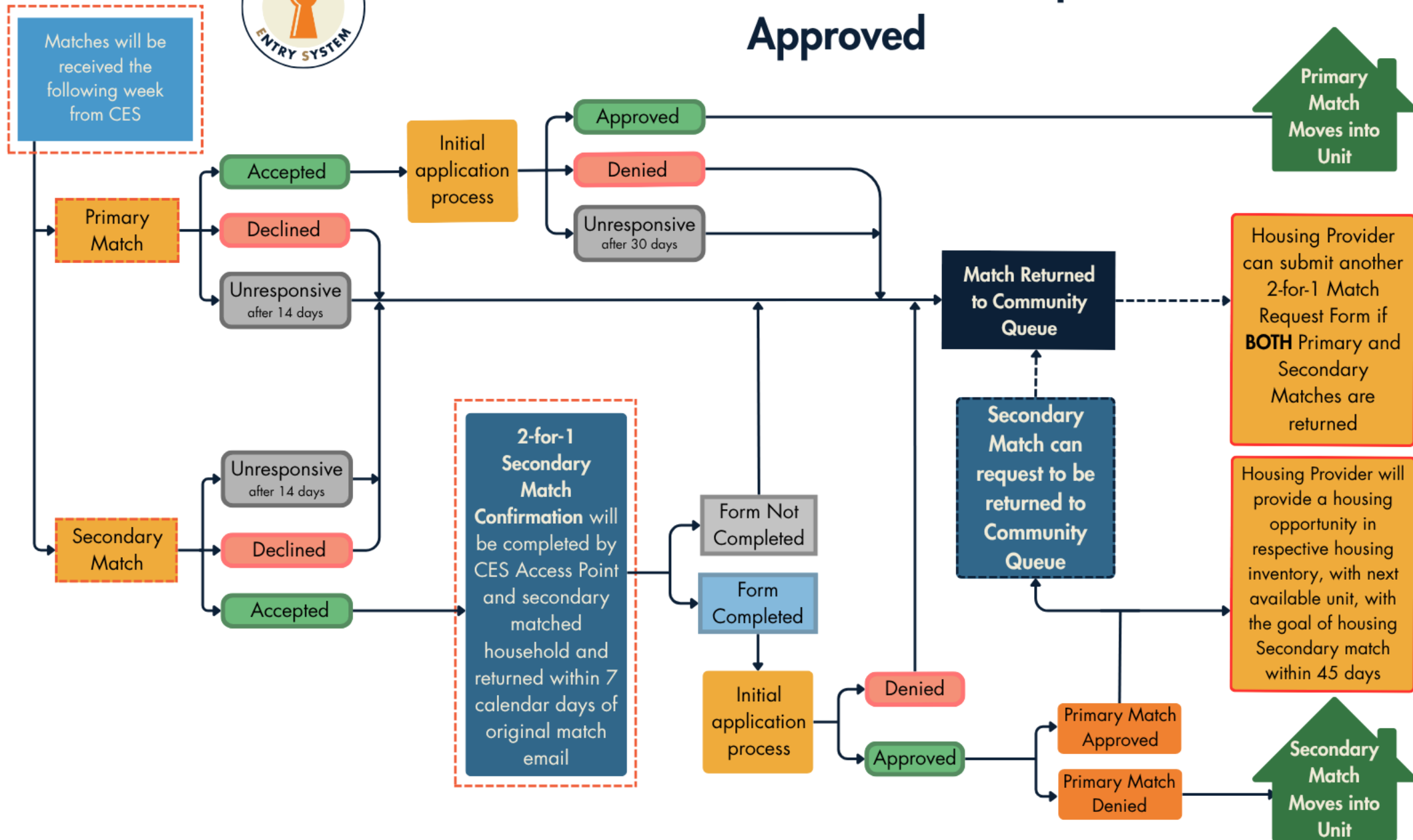


2-for-1 Match Policy and Procedure





Process after 2-for-1 Match Request is Approved



Recommended Action

- a. Approve the proposed 2-for-1 Match Policy for review and approval by the CoC Board, as recommended by the LEAC and CES Steering Committee.


CoC Strategic Plan

**Nishtha Mohendra, Chair and
Felicia Boehringer, Interim CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination**

CoC Strategic Plan Implementation Planning

CoC Strategic Plan Key Activities

- ✓ **December 2024:** Approved the CoC Strategic Plan as a living framework to be continually refined in preparation for implementation in July 2025.
- ✓ **April 2025:** OCC, ACStrategies, and CoC Board Officers convened a full-day CoC Working Session
- ✓ **June 2025:** Consultant Aubrey Sitler and Vice Chair Nishtha Mohendra presented the revised plan. The implementation timeline was also extended to October 1, 2025.
- ✓ **August 2025:** Approved recommended Strategic Goals to guide the implementation of the CoC Strategic Plan.
- ✓ **September 2025:** Approved recommended Strategies to be prioritized during Year 1 of the CoC Strategic Plan implementation, from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026
- **October 1, 2025:** Launch of the Strategic Plan



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CoC Strategic Plan

- With the adoption of the Strategic Goals as a guiding framework, OCC, CoC Board Officers and ACStrategies worked to develop an updated CoC Strategic Plan.

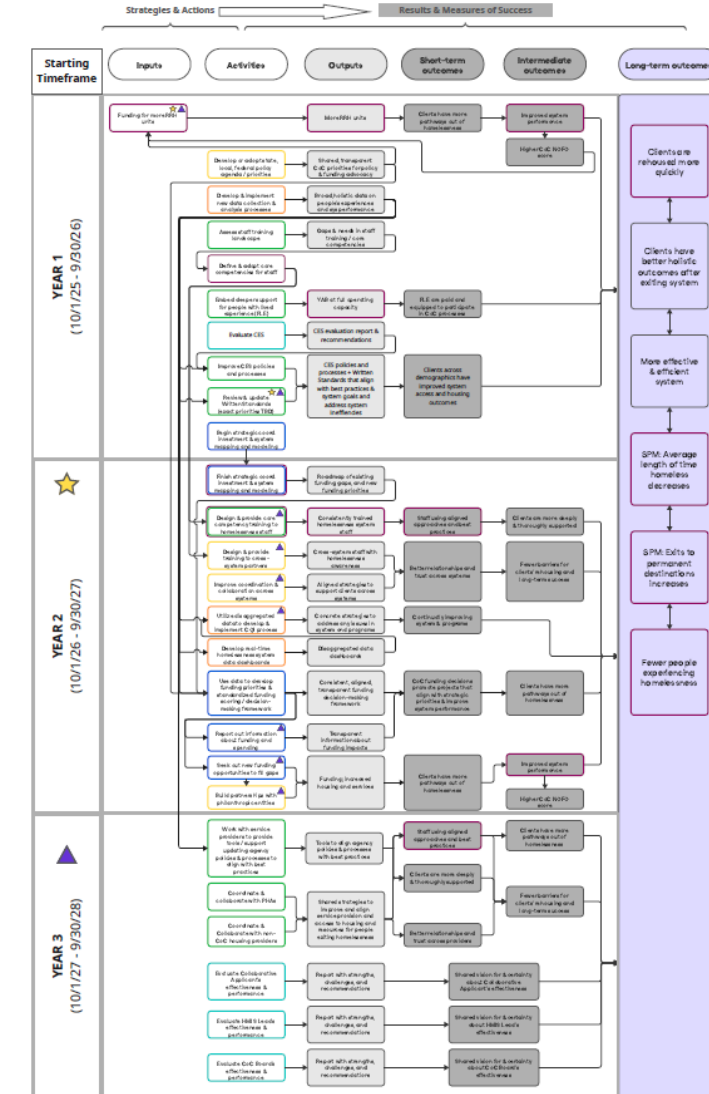
❖ Approved CoC Strategic Goals

❖ Approved Year 1 Strategies

➤ *Reminder: Strategy Owners will further determine implementation of Actions*

- The logic model shows how the prioritized Strategies by year result in outputs and outcomes that help achieve Strategic Goals

Logic Model



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- Strategy from Strategic Aim 1
- Strategy from Strategic Aim 2
- Strategy from Strategic Aim 3
- Strategy from Strategic Aim 4
- Strategy from Strategic Aim 5
- Aligned with Strategic Goal

★ Input or Activity that would also take place in Year 2
 ▲ Input or Activity that would also take place in Year 3

Strategic Goals

YEAR 1:

- By January 31, 2026, the homeless service system in Orange County CoC will have 685 Rapid Rehousing (RRH) units, as measured by the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).
- By April 1, 2026, the Youth Action Board (YAB) will be at full operating capacity.
- By July 1, 2026, the CoC Board will define and adopt core competencies essential for the Orange County CoC.

YEAR 2:

- Starting on October 1, 2026, the system will reduce the average length of time homeless by at least 5% annually, as measured by the SPM report.
- By January 31, 2027, the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) will have completed system mapping and modeling process that will provide guidelines for continued strategic funding distribution across program types in Orange County. The CoC will also assign actions based on the findings in these processes to achieve the following goal:
 - By January 31, 2027, the system will have 719 RRH units, as measured by the HIC.
- By July 1, 2027, there will be a standardized training process for the CoC and CoC-funded agencies aligned with the identified core competencies of the Orange County CoC, inclusive of trainings on the CES and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Quality.

YEAR 3:

- By January 31, 2028, the system will have 754 RRH units, as measured by the HIC.
- By July 1, 2028, 85% of people who have interacted with the Orange County homeless services system and who choose to participate in data collection and feedback will say that they feel like they were treated with dignity and respect by staff, as measured by ongoing data collection efforts to be launched during this strategic planning phase.
- By July 1, 2028, 90% of staff within the homeless system will have aligned core competencies as measured by the standardized training process.
- By October 1, 2028, the system will have reduced the average of length of time homeless by 10% for each measure, as measured by the System Performance Measure (SPM) report, resulting in the following goal:
 - 184 days for Emergency Shelter (ES) and Transitional Housing (TH) projects
 - 1146 days of total time homeless
- By October 1, 2028, households served in shelter and housing programs will exit to successful situations at these rates, as measured by the SPM report, resulting in the following goal:
 - Street Outreach (SO): 25%
 - ES, TH, RRH: 38%
- By October 1, 2028, the rate of which people exited the system to successful destinations will have increased by at least 2% annually, as measured by the SPM report.
- By October 1, 2028, the system will have an average return to homeless of 4% or less for both metrics, as measured by the SPM report:
 - Returns to homelessness within 6 months
 - Returns to homelessness from 6 - 12 months
- By October 1, 2028, the rate of CoC Program participants with income from non-employment cash sources will have increased by 2% annually, as measured by the SPM report.
- By October 1, 2028, the rate of CoC Program participants with income from employment will be 20% or higher, as measured by the SPM report.
- By October 1, 2028, the system will reduce the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness by at least 2% in each unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, as measured by the PIT Count data.
- By October 1, 2028, the number of people experiencing homelessness who are accessing services will have increased by at least 2%, as measured by the California System Performance Measures (CA SPMs).
- By October 1, 2028, 95% of staff working at CoC agencies will have completed standardized training that supports their implementation of core competencies as defined and adopted by the CoC Board.

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Approved Year 1 Strategies (October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026)

- 1) Assess the staff training landscape and needs to develop a plan to fill gaps, align practices, ensure accountability in using best practices, and deliver on the promise to ensure people feel like they're being treated with dignity and respect. (See Objective 1A);
- 2) Review and update Written Standards to more intentionally embed key principles, align with evidence-based approaches, and support achieving system performance goals (See Objective 1B);
- 3) Embed deeper support for people with lived experience to get compensated, gain expertise, and hold decision-making power (See Objective 1D);
- 4) Develop or adopt a policy agenda to measurably improve the resources and performance of the CoC (See Objective 2D);
- 5) Develop and implement data collection and analysis processes that seek to hear people's experiences in the system, understand holistic system performance, and address gaps in our understanding of people's experiences and outcomes (See Objective 3A);
- 6) Conduct a strategic coordinated investment planning process to map current funding resources, analyze current funding impacts, and identify gaps (See Objective 4B);
- 7) Conduct a Coordinated Entry System evaluation (See Objective 5b); and
- 8) Process and Plan methodology to develop and ongoing plan to evaluate the CoC Board and Collaborative Applicant (See Objective 5b).

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Next Steps

- An Operational Meeting will be held for CoC Board members on Friday, October 17, 2025, via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. as an informational session, to help Board members become more informed with the next steps relating to the Strategic Plan.
- Proposed **Strategy Owners** for Year 1 Strategies have also been contacted to help ensure the Strategic Plan has individuals in place to move the initiative forward.
 - ❖ Further information is being developed for proposed Strategy Owners to help set them up for success.
- At this time, the OCC is working with the CoC Board Officers and ACStrategies to explore how to best use the PPS Committee as a steering body for Strategic Plan implementation discussion and updates, and whether a working group may be a better option for convening Strategy Owners over the course of the three-year plan.

CoC Updates

Jasmin Miranda, Interim CoC Administrator,
Office of Care Coordination



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Falling Through the Safety Net:

Understanding Individuals' Journey and Contributing Factors to Homelessness

- At the August 20, 2025, Commission to Address Homelessness meeting, the Office of Care Coordination provided a brief update on the 2025 Homeless Survey.
- On September 10, 2025, a joint special meeting of the CoC Board and Commission to Address Homelessness provided a more in-depth review and discussion.
- The Office of Care Coordination will be reviewing feedback to include in future planning and reporting.



Business Calendar – Item #5

Small-Scale Housing Summit

- Supervisor Sarmiento is hosting a Small-Scale Housing Summit to discuss innovative housing options.
 - ❖ Date: November 5, 2025
 - ❖ Time: 9:30 A.M. Networking/Check in;
10:00 A.M. Summit
 - ❖ Location: County Conference Center, 630 N. Broadway St, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- If you are interested in attending, please RSVP via email to Vicente.Sarmiento@ocgov.com



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SMALL-SCALE HOUSING SUMMIT

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2025
LOCATION: COUNTY CONFERENCE CENTER
630 N. BROADWAY STREET, SANTA ANA CA 92701
RSVP: Vicente.Sarmiento@ocgov.com
TIME: 9:30 A.M. - Networking / Check in
10:00 A.M. - Summit

JOIN SUPERVISOR SARMIENTO TO DISCUSS INNOVATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS



Vicente Sarmiento
SUPERVISOR, 2nd DISTRICT



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National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) Revised Compliance Date

- On September 30, 2025, HUD posted joint [Notice PIH 2025-27/H 2925-05](#) postponing until **October 1, 2026**, the scoring of the new “Affirmative Requirements” under NSPIRE.
- The new scoring date applies to Public Housing and all private housing assisted with HUD’s Multifamily programs (Project-Based Rental Assistance, Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly, and Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities).
- The new joint Notice PIH 2025-27/H 2025-05 lists six areas of “non-scored defects,” including fire-labeled doors, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC), interior lighting, minimal electrical outlets, and guardrails. Under HVAC, for example, scoring is postponed even if a heating source is not working even though the inside temperature is less than 64 degrees Fahrenheit, or if a heating source is damaged, inoperable, missing, or not installed. For electrical outlets, the failure to have at least two working outlets in each habitable room will not be scored during the compliance extension.
- Read Notice PIH 2025-27/H 2025-05 [here](#).

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2026 Point in Time (PIT) Count

- HUD requires that CoCs across the nation complete a biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all people experiencing homelessness in the community on a single point in time during the last 10 days of January.
- The Office of Care Coordination in partnership with the Orange County CoC conducts an unsheltered Point In Time count every two years in Orange County.
- In August 2025, the Office of Care Coordination met with City Net, the lead agency for unsheltered count, to plan for the 2026 PIT Count.
- The Office of Care Coordination has also started facilitating recruitment for the PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc, with meetings set to begin in early September.
- Details for the 2026 PIT Count are being finalized and further updates will be provided in the future.

2026 PIT Count Dates		
Tuesday, January 27	Wednesday, January 28	Thursday, January 29

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Remember to Keep your Individual and Agency General Membership Updated!

- The CoC Governance Charter identifies that each Individual Member and Agency that is a General Member of the CoC will be allowed one vote for the CoC Board election.
- The CoC Governance Charter states that a CoC Board member must be CoC General Member, either as an organization or individual. There is still time to become a CoC General Member if you are interested in applying for the CoC Board.
- You can view the [CoC General Membership](#) roster on the [CoC General Membership webpage](#)
- If you or your organization is not a General Member and wants to become one, please inform the Office of Care Coordination of your interest and fill out the [application](#).
- If your agency needs to update your authorized representatives for your agency, please submit an updated [application](#) to the Office of Care Coordination.

Please contact the Office of Care Coordination with any questions at

CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov.

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Employment Opportunity: Staff Specialist – Extra Help

- The Office of Care Coordination is seeking qualified applicants to fill a **Staff Specialist – Extra Help position**.
- Extra Help or temporary/seasonal positions are estimated to last six months up to one year.
- Activities may include but are not limited to research, data collection and analysis, and compiling informational materials to share with the public.
- If you have any questions pertaining to this recruitment or if you are interested in the employment opportunity, please contact or submit your resume to Amanda Sanchez at amanda.sanchez@ceo.oc.gov.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND JOB DUTIES

- Provide administrative support to the Continuum of Care (CoC), Coordinated Entry (CES), and Special Projects teams.
- Develop and present community educational materials, newsletters, and/or presentations on data analysis.
- Assist in the application of federal, state, and local funding opportunities
- Support administration of meetings, including agendas, and coordination.
- Provide general contract assistance and technical support and work in collaboration with contracted service providers.
- Assist in the monitoring of Office of Care Coordination contracts, including preparation and review of monitoring checklists
- Financial monitoring, including invoice review and processing, and review of backup documentation to ensure compliance with funding regulations.
- Working with various organizational units to meet the Office of Care Coordination goals.
- Collaborate and with various levels of staff, including staff specialist, supervisors, managers, directors and colleagues in other County departments and agencies

Please assist us in sharing this employment opportunity with others!

Business Calendar – Item #5

Upcoming Meetings

- **Commission to Address Homelessness Meeting:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: County Administration South (CAS) County Conference Center 104/105, 425 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, 92701
- **CoC Board Meeting:** Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - ❖ Location: CAS County Conference Center 104/105, 425 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, 92701

Next Meeting:

November 11, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the CAS Multipurpose Rooms 103/105, located at 601 N. Ross St., Santa Ana, CA 92701



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