



# CITY OF COSTA MESA

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*From the Office of the Mayor Katrina Foley*

January 14, 2019

Dear Community Members and Volunteers,

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that each Continuum of Care (CoC) conduct a Point In Time (PIT) count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons biennially during the last 10 days of January. This year, Orange County CoC will conduct the **2019 PIT Count on Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24, 2019**. **I would like to personally invite you to participate in this year's count!**

Data gathered will be integral to our efforts to build the System of Care that meets the needs of those experiencing homelessness in the greater community, including Costa Mesa. This year, Count teams will utilize the geographical survey app, which records each survey and maps the location of where it was completed. The Count will capture demographic information of those experiencing homelessness.

This countywide effort is an opportunity for communities to come together and learn about the available resources, meet people that are currently experiencing homelessness, and participate in the efforts to solve homelessness.

The Consolidated Plan will be provided with city and regional service planning area results, as required by HUD for entitlement jurisdictions. I respectfully request your support and involvement by volunteering for this very important process in our community, which is needed in order to draw down federal funds for homeless services.

**If you are interested in participating as a volunteer for the City of Costa Mesa's 2019 Point In Time count please be sure to register at <https://www.everyonecountsoc.org/>**

All volunteers are required to attend a 2-hour training course prior to their shift. You are required to sign up for one of the following training courses, which are related to the service area in which Costa Mesa is categorized:

Central Services Planning Area (Includes Costa Mesa)

**OC Animal Care Center Training Center  
1630 Victory Road, Tustin, CA 92782**

- Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:30 am
- Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 9:30 am

**The Deployment Center for Costa Mesa is:**

BOS District	Location
2 <sup>nd</sup> District	Colette's Children's Home – 7372 Prince Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**PIT Count Survey Volunteers are needed countywide for morning and evening shifts on January 23 and January 24 to complete surveys in hotspot areas. Survey Volunteers will be part of a survey team of three (3) to five (5) along with a team captain:**

Morning Shift	Evening Shift	Activity
4:30 am	7:00 pm	Field Volunteers to arrive to deployment centers.
5:00 am	7:30 pm	All teams to deploy to the streets to count.
9:00 am	11:30 am	Teams start returning to deployment center.
9:30 am	12:00 am	All teams have returned to deployment center to return materials.

I encourage you to participate and volunteer in this year's PIT Count Survey, to help make a difference in your local community. Let's make sure everyone counts in Costa Mesa and in Orange County!

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Katrina Foley  
City of Costa Mesa