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For the Love of Veterans: Homeless Veterans to Receive Free Legal Help and Other Services at Compton Stand Down

LOS ANGELES, September 14, 2016 — This Saturday, homeless veterans can receive help with a variety of legal matters, including help defending against tickets and warrants, assistance with government benefits including VA benefits and help with clearing a criminal record.

“Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles County is still a major issue and it can’t be solved by housing advocacy alone,” said Nicole Perez, directing attorney of LAFLA’s Veterans Justice Center. “Veterans and their families need legal services to help them navigate complicated bureaucracies, so they can obtain vital income, food, and medical support, and remove employment barriers. We are proud to work alongside these veterans.”

At the Stand Down, homeless veterans can also receive health screenings, food, clothing, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to other services. These collaborative events bring together the local Veterans Administration, other government agencies and community organizations to provide holistic help to homeless veterans.

Attorneys from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and volunteers from DIRECTV and Loyola Law School will provide legal help. This is the seventh consecutive year that LAFLA and its volunteers have provided legal aid.

Doors open at 6 a.m., actual legal services will begin at 8 a.m. For clients: To pre-register to participate, call: Charlie Lonon at VA Long Beach, 562-826-5373.

What: Compton Homeless Veterans Stand Down

When: Saturday, September 17, 2016; doors open at 6:00 a.m., legal services begin at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Compton Parks & Recreation Center, 600 N. Alameda St., Compton, CA 90221

About Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles is the frontline law firm for poor and low-income people in Los Angeles. It provides legal representation and other legal assistance to low-income people in civil legal matters. It has five offices in Greater Los Angeles, along with four Self-Help Legal Access Centers at area courthouses and three domestic violence clinics and helps over 80,000 people each year.