



Los Angeles County Assessor
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Assessor Jeff Prang Named to PATH Board of Directors Prang Joins Fight to End Homelessness, Calling It a 'Stain on Society'

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has been appointed to the Board of Directors for PATH, People Assisting the Homeless.

“I’m grateful and deeply honored to be a new member of the Board of Directors for PATH,” Prang said. “PATH has a long-standing success for ending homelessness for individuals and families. The homeless epidemic is a stain on our society and organizations like PATH are leading the way to one day eliminating homelessness altogether.”

Assessor Prang has supported PATH since his days as a West Hollywood City Councilmember and Mayor when the city contracted with the organization to provide emergency beds, transitional services and street outreach.

PATH’s history starts on a winter’s night back on Dec. 8, 1983, when about 60 people came together to try and address homelessness in their neighborhoods. They came together after a missive was penned by Claire and the Rev. Charles Orr that called for the community to do something about the growing challenge of homelessness. On Dec. 8, 1983, PATH was born and the call was heard.

PATH research also revealed that Housing First - a best practice model that first connects people to permanent housing and then focuses on stabilization through voluntary supportive services, proved most effective.

Three decades later, that small group of concerned individuals has now grown to more than 25 locations throughout the state, which is providing services in more than 140 cities as well as more than 1,000 housing modules finished or in the process of being finished that can be called home.

PATH helps people find permanent housing and provide case management, medical and mental healthcare, benefits advocacy, employment training, and other services to help them maintain their homes. Since 2013, PATH has connected more than 7,500 people to permanent homes.

“It is a privilege to be on the Board of Directors for PATH and I plan to bring my experience in the public sector as well as the Assessor of Los Angeles County to the cause of ending homelessness. We will prevail,” Assessor Prang said.

Assessor Prang was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. He runs the largest office of its kind in the nation, employing 1,400 people with an annual budget cresting near \$190 million. The 2019 assessment roll topped out near \$1.7 trillion and provides about \$17 billion in vital public services.

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