



the linc between hope & **home**

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We're Going to Need a Bigger Keychain

It's our 40th anniversary, and one way we are celebrating is increasing the number of apartment homes in our portfolio for people who were formerly or at risk of becoming homeless through Project Homekey. Linc currently has **FOUR** Homekey sites in construction, which will bring a total of 393 new affordable and supportive homes in Orange and Los Angeles counties online within a year.

These include:

North Harbor Apartments in Anaheim (top left), former motel which previously served as interim housing and is now being transformed into 89 permanent homes.

Florence (top right), which will open 127 apartment homes in the south-central neighborhood of Los Angeles.

And **Long Beach East and West (bottom left and right)**, where we are converting two newly acquired hotels into 177 affordable and supportive homes.

When complete, all residents will receive full wraparound services to support their journey to housing stability. Services will include mental health and physical health care, employment counseling and job placement, education, substance use counseling, money management, assistance obtaining and maintaining benefits, and referrals to community-based services and resources.

First launched to protect vulnerable residents from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Homekey program grants funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to cities, counties, housing authorities, and other local public entities to acquire and convert hotels, motels, and more, into permanent or interim housing.



Strengthening Organizational Literacy - Linc's Justice-Impacted Academy

At Linc, we've begun a dialogue to strengthen our organizational literacy on serving justice-involved and justice-impacted people. Our Justice Impacted Academy brought together members of our services, asset management, housing development, and communications teams for a series of convenings on the topic.

With support from Saul Sarabia of Solidarity Consulting, we learned more about the challenges facing justice-impacted and justice-involved individuals and explored the expertise and needs of Linc staff to develop a range of best practices in operations, design, and services for our work supporting populations with these experiences.

Participants learned about public policy changes driving the need for housing and other services for this population and had the opportunity to share experiences they had working with justice-impacted individuals.

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We also spent time focusing on meeting the needs of justice-involved women and girls as well as the collateral consequences of being justice-involved with Antoinette Carter from A New Way of Life.

While our work to address the needs of those exiting the carceral system will remain ongoing, we are moving forward with renewed confidence and a shared understanding among our staff.



Senior Leaders in the Community

Marco Ramirez, vice president for impact and community strategy, has been asked to join the steering committee of the USC Neighborhood Data for Social Change (NDSC). NDSC has been collaborating with Linc's Life Pathways team on its neighborhood baseline assessment for the pilot to understand better how organizations use data, produce reports, and formulate calls to action.

Additionally, Ben Winter, senior vice president of business development and strategic initiatives, has joined the board of the Foundation for the Los Angeles Community Colleges. The Foundation supports giving and partnerships that advance higher education access and success for the diverse students and communities served by the Los Angeles Community College District, the largest community college district in the nation.



The Linc Between Milestones and Meanings

On April 18, Linc's staff and board members descended on our Long Beach headquarters decked out in matching t-shirts to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. At a barbeque lunch catered by Battambang BBQ, Long Beach's Cambodian Cowboy/Texas Pitmaster Chad Phoung dished out helpings of his famous 17-hour smoked brisket with Cambodian pepper and tirk prahok sauce as well as smoked jackfruit, tofu, and cauliflower steaks. A trivia contest tested attendee's institutional knowledge and a few of Linc's longest-serving staff members, Nina Dooley (19 years), Clare Ofield (12 years), and Becky Clark (9 years) shared stories from years past...And then there was the cake.

Thanks to all who attended this milestone event, which elevated our connection to each other and our shared mission.

Next up, Elevate and Celebrate: Linc's 40th Anniversary Gala on July 18. Click [here](#) to sponsor and learn more.



Help Welcome our Residents Home

Support Linc's Welcome Home program, which provides bedding, housewares, food, and toiletries for new residents transitioning out of homelessness, giving them a solid foundation for positive transformation.

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