

Committee for Greater L.A.

Project Summary

Project Purpose

The goal of this project is to prepare a roadmap that local, state and federal civic and philanthropic leaders can use to inform specific actions that they can take immediately and in the medium-term to ensure that the populations and communities in Los Angeles County most impacted by COVID-19 are at the center of a recovery that will ultimately ensure they will be better off than they were before the crisis. The report will be completed within 90 days, and will:

- Identify critical issues to address, and how they directly lead to disparate impacts in key vulnerable communities, and the downstream consequences of the current pandemic.
- Help foster a more coordinated response to the crisis between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles and other cities, agents and institutions such as community-based organizations, philanthropy and business sector.
- Employ a racial equity/racial justice framework throughout this project.
- Be accessible to the general public.
- Identify priorities and recommendations for advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels.
- Draw upon the best data available about the populations most impacted by COVID-19.
- Provide data used to inform conclusions for further analysis by other groups.

Multi-Sector Collaboration

Los Angeles County, City of Los Angeles, other cities in L.A. County, philanthropy, UCLA, USC and private citizens are collaborating on this longer-term planning project because many of the organizations and government agencies heavily involved in the recovery from COVID-19 are currently engaged in addressing the emergency relief efforts. UCLA and USC are collaborating on research for the report. The role of this committee is to help ease the burden on those who are in the trenches fighting to save every life possible from the pandemic, and to help provide a roadmap so that once the immediate crisis is over, our communities can quickly transition into a recovery that is inclusive and equitable.

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Questions To Be Explored *(Partial List)*

Pre-COVID-19 Context

- What background, context, and conditions were present before the COVID-19 crisis that is relevant to this project?
- Who are the most vulnerable populations?

COVID-19 Impacts

- What has changed during the COVID-19 crisis?
- What are the anticipated impacts in 2020?
- What are the anticipated longer-term impacts 2021-2025?
- What structural and/or systematic issues need to be addressed over the long-term?

Actionable Recommendations for a Los Angeles County Recovery

- What does a successful recovery look like in the short and long-term?
- What changes in federal, state or local policies would benefit people in L.A. County?
- What strategies or approaches can best address long-term structural and/or systemic challenges?
- How can organizations across sectors and throughout the County better collaborate during the recovery?
- Over the long-term, what will ameliorate some of the inequities that are leading to the impacts we see now?
- What challenges can we anticipate post-crisis for these communities?
- What are the key quantitative goals to be achieved in the short- and long-term (e.g. unemployment rates, poverty rates, health outcomes)?

Potential Key Issues *(Partial List)*

- Housing Disruptions
- Food Access and Security
- Health and Mental Health
- Education
- Widespread Economic Impacts
- Child Protection and Welfare
- Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated
- Economic Impacts on Vulnerable Communities
- 2020 Census
- COVID-19 Community Testing

Most Vulnerable Populations *(Partial List)*

- People experiencing homelessness
- Undocumented individuals and mixed-status families
- African American communities facing disproportionately high COVID-19 fatality rates
- Service industry workers and workers in the gig economy
- Youth, including first-generation students
- Disabled individuals
- Incarcerated and reentry populations
- Grassroots community-based organizations facing financial shortfall