

Since he was elected to the House of Representatives, Congressman Lieu has acted with urgency to confront the homelessness and housing crises, having authored and co-authored multiple pieces of legislation on this critical issue with several provisions signed into law.

## STOPPING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS & SUPPORTING OUR HEROES

As a veteran, Congressman Lieu understands the importance of tackling veteran homelessness. One of his top priorities in Congress has been to provide fellow veterans with the care and support they have earned and deserve. Congressman Lieu helped usher through a Master Plan to revitalize the West LA VA and better serve our veterans. With a broadly-supported plan in place, Senator Feinstein and Congressman Lieu passed legislation ([H.R. 3484](#)) to authorize the VA to enter into public-private agreements to develop nearly 2,000 units of permanent supportive and temporary housing for traumatized, disabled, and homeless veterans. They also passed two bills ([H.R. 1543](#) and [H.R. 4334](#)) to retrofit vacant buildings on the campus and another ([H.R. 2934](#)) to reauthorize the VA's Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, which has proven critical in driving the VA's work to address Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles and nationally.

Congressman Lieu joined with the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees to spearhead the SAVE Act ([H.R. 6769](#)), or the *Supporting At Risk Veterans in Emergencies Act*, to make sure VA has the authority it needs to procure and distribute food aid. The SAVE Act became law as part of a package of several other pro-veteran bills ([H.R. 7105](#)).

## COMPASSIONATELY ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN CA-33 AND BEYOND

Legislation Congressman Lieu has introduced to combat homelessness includes the [Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act](#), which authorized \$750 million annually for five years to fund supportive housing models that provide comprehensive services and intensive case manage; the [Prevent Evictions Act](#), which creates a grant program for state, local governments, tribal governments, and other public or nonprofit entities to establish or administer landlord-tenant mediation programs in which tenants may participate at no cost. The bill also directs HUD to study the potential for certain types of rent insurance to be cost-effective eviction mitigation tools; and the [Prevent Homelessness Act](#), which would establish a \$500 million Housing Stabilization Fund (authorized to be appropriated at \$100 million for each fiscal year 2021 through 2025) to help Americans most at-risk of homelessness. Specifically, the bill would assist "extremely low-income households" whose income falls below 30 percent of Area Medium Income (AMI) with short-term financial assistance and housing stabilization services.

Additionally, Congressman Lieu has supported bills such as the Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act, the Housing for Women Veterans Act, the Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act, the Tribal Access to Homeless Assistance Act, and the Trafficking Victims Housing Act. Congressman Lieu believes addressing homelessness is a moral imperative and our approach should always be compassionate and holistic.

## MITIGATING PANDEMIC-RELATED HOMELESSNESS AND PREVENTING EVICTIONS

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Congressman Lieu worked with his colleagues to get the CARES Act passed, which instituted a 4-month moratorium on evictions and foreclosures for certain properties, provided funding to the state and local government to fund a broad array of community needs and rental assistance. The CARES Act also provided \$360 million to invest in programs that provide training and supportive services for homeless veterans and dislocated workers, seniors, migrant farmworkers. It also expanded the Department of Veterans Affairs' authority to enhance health and housing initiatives for homeless veterans, including increased use of telehealth for programs with VA case managers, temporarily eliminating funding limits for programs providing direct support services to homeless veterans, and providing flexibility to serve veterans in those programs.