

25 Cities Community Pledge of Action to Participate in Zero: 2016

By agreeing to the following, you affirm your participation in Zero: 2016:

We, the 25 Cities Leadership Team for the community of Maricopa County (please list your community) affirm our participation in Zero: 2016 and the following participation criteria:

Zero: 2016 Threshold Criteria

1. Our community commits to ending veteran homelessness by December 31, 2015 (or sooner, by August 31, 2015) and to ending chronic homelessness for individuals by December 31, 2016.
2. We commit to using a common definition and measurements for what it means to get to zero on veteran and on chronic homelessness.
3. We are able and willing to report aggregate housing placements of all chronically homeless individuals and homeless veterans housed across the CoC on a consistent monthly basis (this includes placements by CoC and non-CoC funded programs for veteran and chronic populations). We understand that, in order to participate in Zero: 2016, we must report on a monthly basis and that if we do not submit a report for two consecutive months, we will have opted ourselves out of Zero: 2016.
4. We agree to have our aggregate (i.e., not client-level) monthly housing placement data shared publicly (e.g., on the Zero: 2016 webpage).
5. We have established, or are willing to establish, in partnership with the Zero:2016 team, a Take Down Target for veterans and chronically homeless individuals.
See [Definitions: Take Down Target and Functional Zero](#)
6. We have adopted, or will adopt by 5/1/2015, an evidence-informed Common Assessment Tool that triages households into recommended housing intervention categories (e.g., Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, etc.) and prioritizes persons based on need/acuity. See [Minimum Requirements of a Common Assessment Tool](#)
7. We commit to optimizing our housing and service interventions, based on the needs/acuity indicated for those assessed by the Common Assessment Tool.

8. We will bring joy and our unique genius to this national effort and demonstrate that it is possible to end veteran and chronic homelessness.
9. We are excited to contribute actively to the Zero: 2016 national peer support network, to ensure we can rapidly spread ideas and solutions to other communities.
10. We commit to working with Community Solutions and/or its partners throughout the Zero: 2016 effort.

The following members of the 25 Cities Leadership Team in our community, by signing this Pledge of Action, affirm our community's commitment to the basic criteria and agreements of Zero: 2016, as specified above and as explained in the Appendices.

Please review this pledge with your local Leadership Team (i.e., the group of individuals guiding your 25 Cities efforts and making key policy and funding decisions associated with the initiative's goals) and Members of the Community Design Team. Please assign a lead for reporting permanent housing placements each month (the Data Guru!) and a lead Community Organizer, (with all relevant contact information) for your Zero:2016 activities. These will be our points of contact for all communications moving forward specific to Zero:2016.

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Other Key Stakeholders Committed to building momentum for 25 Cities and getting to Zero as part of the Zero:2016 Movement. Please list those members that have reviewed this Pledge of Action and are committed to getting to ZERO!

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