

LOS ANGELES CITY ATTORNEY
HOMELESS CITATION CLINIC

What is THE HOMELESS CITATION CLINIC?

The Los Angeles City Attorney HOMELESS CITATION CLINIC assists adults who struggle with issues of homelessness, mental health, substance abuse and current or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces in the City of Los Angeles to resolve minor traffic tickets or pedestrian citations in exchange for required hours of community obligation work with an approved service provider.

The community obligation work can be to benefit the community by working at a service organization to provide general labor, office work, food service or to benefit the individual such as job readiness training, life skills classes, AA or NA meetings, anger management training, mental health counseling or other approved activities.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must be an adult who struggles with issues of homelessness, mental health, substance abuse or a current or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces. You must not have any open felony cases or outstanding warrants in felony or misdemeanor matters. Infraction ticket warrants or failures to appear do not make a person ineligible. A Public Defender will be present at the clinic to answer questions about criminal matters.

If you qualify → Here is what you need to do:

1. You must attend the HOMELESS CITATION CLINIC and fill out the Intake Form in person to start the process.
2. At the clinic you will be informed of your outstanding tickets and which ones are eligible for dismissal. A new ticket is not eligible for dismissal if it has not been entered into the court database yet.
3. You will be given a list of approved service providers and it will be your obligation to select an approved service provider from the list, sign up and complete the community obligation hours. Some providers will be present at the clinic to sign up individuals that day.
4. Once you have completed the required hours of community obligation work for each ticket, the service provider will fill out the Completed Hours Confirmation form and email it to the L.A. City Attorney's Office.
5. After the Completed Hours Confirmation form is received by the L.A. City Attorney's Office, a motion to dismiss the ticket will be prepared and submitted to the appropriate court. The court may take 6 - 8 weeks to process the dismissal. You do not have to go to court.
6. You can use the services of the HOMELESS CITATION CLINIC more than once.