



HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES

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Lila Omura joined the Harbor Interfaith team in September 2017 as an Outreach/Housing Navigator for the City of Redondo Beach. Lila works hand in hand with the Redondo Beach Police Department & City Prosecutor's office supporting homeless individuals who have frequent contacts with the police department that jeopardize the quality of life for the community. Her first goal is to engage, build rapport and ensure their needs are being met. The end goal is to secure permanent supportive housing.

Lila is relatively new to the professional world of homeless services, but her passion for individuals experiencing homelessness started six years ago. Lila started a homeless ministry at church outreaching individuals experiencing homelessness. The ministry worked to ensure clients had access to food and clothing, but they knew the clients needed more. The clients required resources & assistance navigating through the lengthy housing process.

Lila left her previous employment of 27 years to fulfill her passion of assisting individuals to obtain permanent supportive housing. This process looks different for every person. Steps include but are not limited to: obtaining all forms of identification (state id, social security card and birth certificate), connecting folks to state and federal benefits such as SSI, California General Relief and medical insurance, linkages to mental health and physical health services, substance abuse treatment and housing search and placement. Lila's job is to ensure the connection to these services happen & do what ever needs to be done to get folks off our streets.