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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 7pm

Voting Members – ENC Members present:

Pat Bates* (Co-Chair), Samantha Greitzer*,

Voting Members – Stakeholders Present:

Lauren Telegdy, Jodie Francisco (Co-Chair), Alyssa Boyle, Eve Greitzer

Members and alternates not present:

Victoria Miller*, Rochelle Mitchell, Heather Rim), Janel

Bishop, Katie Bull

* Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate, no more than 5 Encino Neighborhood Council Board-Members or Alternates may be seated at a time to vote during a committee meeting

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:05 and quorum was determined**
2. **Opening comments from chairpersons**
3. **Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies - None**
4. **Minutes of September 9, 2020 Meeting were approved (Pat, Jodie) 6/0/0**
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Council File 19-1576: Unhoused People / Acuity Levels / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Programs** The report from LAHSA addressing the relationship of acuity of homeless people to programs designed to provide housing, and how well the program is serving homeless people. The council file, the report from the Homelessness and Poverty Committee and the Report from LAHSA are accessed using the link provided. This file was on the agenda for the Homelessness and Poverty Committee meeting on November 12, 2020 it passed and is referred to the entire City Council with recommendation to ensure people of all acuity levels are helped. It appears from the report that the bulk of housing efforts are aimed at the more vulnerable (higher acuity) population and not much is being done for everyone else on the street. **Proposed Motion HOM 2020 11 01:** The Encino Homelessness Committee asks the entire board to approve filing the following Community Impact statement (CIS): With respect to findings in the report from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA),

which was requested by Los Angeles City Council (Council File 19-1576): The Encino Neighborhood Council endorses action aimed at providing real solutions to helping all our homeless neighbors. This would include evaluation of the recently-introduced Problem-solving program, and its expansion if deemed effective. The report seems to indicate that for SPA 2 (our area) the rate of exits to housing of people in the system is less than 30% (FY 2018-2019). Further, the number of people in the system that year is less than half of the unsheltered homeless from the 2019 SPA 2 homeless count. Unhoused people deserve at the very least, accessibility to safe sleeping locations, sanitation and services such as storage, computer access, cellphone charging, mailboxes, and contact with outreach workers. (Pat, Jodie, 6/0/0)

- b. **Council File 20-1425: Relative to P-I-T data collection of unaccompanied homeless women in the city of Los Angeles:** This file was passed by the Homelessness and poverty committee meeting on November 12, 2020 and is referred to the entire city council. There has been a significant increase in homeless women. **Proposed Motion HOM 2020 11 02:** : The Encino Homelessness Committee asks the entire board to approve filing the following Community Impact statement (CIS): The Encino Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council File 20-1425, and concurs with the recommendation that “unaccompanied women” be added as a category for the 2021 Point in Time Homeless Count. (Pat, Alyssa 6/0/0)
- c. **Council File 20-1406:** Description of Paxton/Bradley Pilot Project model for taking an entire encampment community from outreach intake through housing placement, including assistance with identifying and storing personal property, sanitation, trash collection and mobile showers while waiting for available housing. The motion requests LAHSA report on the protocol including recommendations for appropriate signage, documentation and personal property storage. **Proposed Motion HOM 2020 11 03:** The Encino Homelessness Committee asks the entire board to approve filing the following Community Impact statement (CIS): The Encino Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council File 20-1406, and recommends that this apparently successful program be expanded to existing encampment areas and possible designated safe camping areas in the future. (Pat, Jodie, 6/0/0)
- d. **Council File 19-1215:** this report requests explanation of discrepancy in mental illness rates between LAHSA and Los Angeles times’ analysis of LAHSA data, and further requests information from LAPD’s Mental Evaluation Units (MEU) and the system-Wide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART) regarding status, usage and recommendations. This passed City Council on 9/22/20. There was no indication in the motion or Homelessness & Poverty Committee Report when the reports are due. It is John Lee’s motion, perhaps his office can clarify. **As a follow up to this, John Lee confirmed it is still in committee and has not been scheduled for a meeting.**
- e. Kira Durbin from Sherman Oaks NC Environmental & Government committees, Encino NC President Alex Garay and board discussed various issues including the very controversial CF 20-1376.
- f. **Upcoming Events were announced:** November 30, 2020 5pm to 6pm West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness town hall with City controller Ron Galperin addressing his [Review of Proposition HHH](#)

- i. December 5, 2020 toy collection drive to benefit LA Family Housing.

- g. **Date of next Homelessness Committee Meeting is January 13, 2021**

- h. **Adjournment at 8:35 pm** SEP SEP