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HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
Monday January 16, 2023 @ 4:30 PM

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Committee members:

1-*Pat Bates: Chair, 2-Laure Stevens 3-Ryan Levey 4-Rochelle Mitchell

Alternate Committee Members:

1 - Alex Garay* 2 - Victoria Miller*

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

Members Pat Bates, Ryan Levey and Rochelle Mitchell were present, alternate Alex Garay was added. Member Laure Stevens was absent with notice.

1. **Meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm. Alternate Alex Garay was promoted to member upon the noticed absence of a member.**
2. **Approval of Committee minutes.** Motion to approve of October 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Pat/Alex/ unanimous.
3. **Report/Presentation from any Agencies/Organizations present** none
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction – none present
5. **New Business Action Items: Votes may be taken on all action items.**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action:** Consider Community Impact Statement in support of [CF 12-1690-S18](#): Motion (Blumenfield - Hernandez) relative to directing the City Administrative Officer to identify funding to increase support for LAHSA's Winter Shelter Program and Augmented Winter Shelter Program, instructing the Emergency Management Department to review the Adverse Weather Annex, and requesting LAHSA report on increasing bed capacity and expanding Winter Shelter sites. *Motion: The ENC Homelessness Committee recommends that the ENC make a Community Impact Statement in support of CF 12-1690-S18 which requests that more Winter Shelters be opened quickly, and further make changes to Emergency Management Department and LAHSA operations to ensure the current situation with no Winter Shelters in Service Planning Area (SPA) 2 does not reoccur. Unsheltered people are at risk of developing and dying from hypothermia in even our Southern California area, especially with the current wet and chilly weather. We certainly hope action is being taken now on this situation, as this City Council Motion has not even been heard by committee yet. Consideration of the motion is worthwhile to ensure the availability of cold- or hot-weather shelters in the future. We support a report back from LAHSA regarding the failure to implement the Winter Shelter program in SPA 2. Pat/Rochelle Passed 54y/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions*
 - B. **Discussion and possible action:** The Sisters of Social Service/Holy Spirit Retreat Center is hosting a Forum on Homelessness, Mental Illness and Addiction on February 12, 2023. Discussion regarding community and region-wide issues which should be addressed. *We discuss in some detail and concluded that 2/12/2023, being Super Bowl Sunday, would simply not work. Rochell noted that the Retreat Center had an unexpected cancellation for 2/25-2/26, and they are available. After lots of discussion conclusion*

was Pat would notify the committed parties of the postponement and try to have the event rescheduled to 2/25 or 2/26.

- C. Discussion and possible action:** Discussion of any considerations that might affect the 2023 Homeless Count in Encino including a *Motion to conduct a count by ENC Board Members in the Sepulveda Basin to verify reasonableness of official published results, with the survey including the Los Angeles River Channel from the Orange Line Bridge to the Sepulveda Dam, the Wildlife Areas, and areas adjacent to Woodley and Burbank Boulevards.*

Pat/Alex, 4 yes/ 0 no/ 0 abstentions we will convene informal count at location to be determined.

6. Informational Items/Reports/Updates

- A.** The City Council passed motion [CF 22-0941](#) Motion (de Leon - Blumenfield) relative to requesting the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to provide full access to the Homeless Management Information System, to the Council District Homeless Coordinators. This should be followed up to ensure action.
- B.** **The city council passed** [CF 22-0002-S107](#) Resolution (Raman - Blumenfield) relative to the including in the City's 2021-22 State Legislative Program its position on legislative or administrative action to enact changes to the California Health and Safety Code that will increase the daily reimbursement rate for board and care home residents who receive SSI, SSP, or Medi-Cal. It is unclear whether this was communicated to the State legislators and closure of board and Care homes puts people on the street. Updates?
- C.** The City council passed [CF 21-0002-S191](#) requesting that the Governor apply for the §1115 Medicaid waiver to allow for expansion of Medicaid coverage to adults in need of in-patient mental health treatment. The waiver has been requested by many parties - is it being done?
- D.** On 10/7/2022 the Los Angeles city council passed 3 significant motions - CF [22-0978](#) and [22-0979](#) regarding developing 24/7 unarmed response to non-violent situations including homelessness, and [22-0799-S1](#) regarding LAHSA governance issues and reform of the regional homelessness response system. Reports are requested on all as of 1/10/2022 There do not appear to be any reports in the system as of January 10, 2023.

7. Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda

Adjournment at: ___ 5:10 Next Homelessness committee Meeting: 2/13/2023 @ 4:30 _____