



**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes**

Date: November 4, 2020

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM

- 2. Roll Call

**Members Present**

- A. Verlato, Arcadia
- Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park
- J. Leano, Claremont
- K. Davis, Glendora
- M. Ortiz, Irwindale
- B. Shevlin, Monrovia
- W. Huang, Pasadena
- D. Holley, Pomona
- M. Clark, Rosemead

**Members Absent**

- Duarte
- West Covina
- LA County Dist. 1

**Guests**

- T. Egan, Capital Representation Group
- D. Klug, City of Pasadena
- M. Funk, LA County DMH
- E. Cope, LA County DMH
- M. Allawos, Glendora

**SGVCOG Staff**

- M. Creter
- S. Matthews
- C. Sims
- B. McCullom
- P. Hubler
- R. Cole

- 3. Public Comment: None

- 4. Changes to Agenda Order: No changes to agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 5. Homelessness Meeting Minutes

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 (M/S: A. Verlato/M. Ortiz)**

**[Motion Passed]**

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<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Duarte, Pomona, West Covina, LA County Supervisorial District 1

## PRESENTATIONS

### 6. Using Surplus Land for Affordable Housing and Homeless Services

D. Klug presented on the use of city-owned land for affordable housing in the context of updates to the Surplus Land Act. The presentation focused on Pasadena's recent selection of a developer to produce affordable housing on a parcel near their city hall. They had adjusted their ongoing plans to comply with AB 1486 and walked the committee through this process step by step. Upon the committee's request, there was clarification that the laws in question are triggered only when properties are declared to be surplus, and that reporting to the State is required as a part of the annual housing element report. Staff was directed to clarify what deadlines are associated with the new requirements.

### 7. Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Programs

Two representatives from the LA County Department of Mental Health presented on the spectrum of the services and housing available to people experiencing homelessness (PEH). Their presentation included a focus on outreach programs, a conservatorship pilot, the services available in permanent supportive housing, and their expanding system of community-based care. In response to questions, they clarified for the committee that the estimated number of PEH served each year is over 35,000, that they engage multiple times per week with individuals believed to be best served by conservatorship, and that DMH closely collaborates with Tri-City Mental Health.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 8. 2021 Legislative Priorities

The committee discussed draft legislative priorities, which built on the prior year's priorities with additions including a focus on non-competitive funding for affordable housing, additional funding administered directly by the COG and member cities, and efforts supporting regional coordination activities. Committee members requested additions including a prioritization of capital funding over planning funding, the use of surplus or underutilized properties owned by public agencies, including community colleges, and financial incentives or tax advantages for the construction of ADU's to serve low-income individuals.

**There was a motion to approve the Legislative Priorities, incorporating the modifications requested by committee members. (M/S: J. Leano/M. Clark)**

**[Motion Passed]**

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The committee discussed the concerns raised in a letter that had been distributed by Michael Allawos, Mayor of Glendora, expressing concern as to the lack of resources for homeless individuals living with mental illness and requesting that the State utilize a number of specific properties to meet this need. There was discussion of drafting a companion letter that supported the same underlying concept, with a focus on greater description of the need and a broader ask.

**There was a motion to recommend to the Governing Board in November to send a letter to Governor Newsom and the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Delegation in support of additional resources to address mental health care needs. (M/S: M. Clark/J. Leano)**

**[Motion Passed]**

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#### **UPDATE ITEMS**

**9. Project Roomkey, Project Homekey, and the LAHSA COVID-19 Recovery Plan**

The agenda packet included an update on these related efforts, reporting that LAHSA has continued to demobilize Project Roomkey (PRK) sites. Among all PRK sites that have closed, only 3% of participants have exited to unsheltered destinations. The County was awarded further Project Homekey funding for two more projects, bringing the total number of motels purchased to ten. One of these, in Commerce, is adjacent to the San Gabriel Valley, bring the total number of sites in or near the SGVCOG jurisdiction to four.

**10. LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.**

The agenda packet included an update on efforts related to this lawsuit, include the signing of an MOU between the City and County of Los Angeles, disputes as to the costs and funding sources of planned programs, and concerns surrounding the displacement of people experiencing homelessness near freeways.

**11. 2020-21 Winter Shelter Sites**

The agenda packet included an update on the Winter Shelter program, its reduced capacity due to COVID-19 and efforts to locate additional sites in the San Gabriel Valley.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

**12. Liaison reports were included in the agenda packet.**

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM