

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 -- 8:00 AM

Teleconference Meeting

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Homelessness Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Homelessness Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM at the West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room (1444 W. Garvey Avenue S., West Covina, CA 91790). The Meeting agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting (*It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on these matters*)

CONSENT CALENDAR (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 06/02/2021 – Page 1
Recommended Action: Approve.

PRESENTATIONS (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

7. City of Alhambra Homeless Crisis Housing, Street Outreach, Case Management, and Related Programs – Jessica Binnquist, City Manager, City of Alhambra – Page 4
Recommended Action: For information only.
8. City of Huntington Beach HOPE Mobile Crisis Response Team – Oliver Chi, City Manager, City of Huntington Beach – Page 6
Recommended Action: For information only.

ACTION ITEMS (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

9. 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations – Samantha Matthews, Management Analyst, SGVCOG – Page 8
Recommended Actions:
 - (1) *Recommend Governing Board approve the SGVCOG 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations; and*
 - (2) *Recommend Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI not to exceed \$3,525,000.*

UPDATE ITEMS (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

10. LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS) Motions on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) And LA County Homelessness Governance – Page 13
Recommended Action: For information only.
11. SGVCOG Discussions with LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) – Caitlin Sims, Principal Management Analyst, SGVCOG
Recommended Action: For information only.
12. State Budget and Legislative Updates – Samuel Pedersen, Management Analyst, SGVCOG – Page 20
Recommended Action: For information only.
13. Project Roomkey, Project Homekey, and COVID-19 Among People Experiencing Homelessness – Samantha Matthews, Management Analyst, SGVCOG – Page 25
Recommended Action: For information only.
14. LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al. – Samantha Matthews, Management Analyst, SGVCOG – Page 27
Recommended Action: For information only.

LIAISON REPORTS (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters*)

15. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust

16. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
17. LA County Homeless Initiative
18. United Way Everyone In
19. Union Station Homeless Services

CHAIR'S REPORT

ADJOURN



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Unapproved Minutes

Date: June 2, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

A. Verlato, Arcadia
M. Carrillo, Baldwin Park
J. Leano, Claremont
J. Schulz, Duarte
K. Davis, Glendora
M. Ortiz, Irwindale
B. Shevlin, Monrovia
W. Huang, Pasadena
D. Holley, Pomona
M. Clark, Rosemead
R. Salas, South El Monte
R. Diaz, West Covina
F. Briones, LA County Dist. 1

Members Absent

Guests

R. Cole, Advisor on Housing & Homelessness
Dr. R. Sonenshein, Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute
T. Egan, SGVCOG Lobbyist
L. Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, County of Los Angeles
W. Angel, Regional Director of Emerald Cities

SGVCOG Staff

B. Acevedo
M. Creter
P. Hubler
S. Matthews
S. Pedersen
C. Sims
K. Ward

4. Public Comment: None.
5. Changes to Agenda Order: No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 05/05/21
Recommended Action: Approve.

7. Homelessness Committee Election
Recommended Action: Appoint the following SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Officers for FY 21-22 (effective July 1, 2021):

- *Chair: Becky Shevlin*
- *Vice Chair: Margaret Clark*

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6-7 M/S: (J. Leano/J. Schulz)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia; Baldwin Park; Claremont; Duarte; Glendora; Irwindale; Monrovia; Pasadena; Pomona; Rosemead; South El Monte; West Covina; LA County District 1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

PRESENTATIONS

8. We're Not Giving Up: A Plan for Homelessness Governance in Los Angeles – Report by the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs Cal State LA
 R. Cole provided context for the presentation and gave an introduction of Dr. Raphael Sonenshein. Dr. Sonenshein then gave presentation and led a discussion on the report's governance recommendation to create a new "Center" that would provide direction and accountability on homelessness programming in Los Angeles. B. Shevlin, Homelessness Committee Chair, gave direction to staff to closely watch the progress of this plan and ensure the SGVCOG is involved throughout the process and has a seat at the table.

ACTION ITEMS

9. State and County Homeless Funds
 S. Matthews provided a brief report on staff's recommendation to add the "Tiny Home Shelter Pilot Program" to the SGVCOG's list of homeless pilot programs and to reallocate \$150,000 in excess funding from the Green Path Careers Pilot Program to the Tiny Home Shelter Pilot Program.

Recommended Actions:

- *Recommend Governing Board add the Tiny Home Shelter Program to the SGVCOG Pilot Program; and*
- *Recommend Governing Board re-allocate \$150,000 in excess funding from the Green Path Careers Pilot Program to the Tiny Home Shelter Pilot Program.*

There was a motion to approve action item 9 M/S: (J. Leano/J. Schulz)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia; Baldwin Park; Claremont; Duarte; Glendora; Irwindale; Monrovia; Pasadena; Pomona; Rosemead; South El Monte; West Covina; LA County District 1
NOES:	

ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

UPDATE ITEM

10. Green Path Careers Pilot Program
L. Medina & W. Angel gave a program overview and provided updates on the status of the Green Path Careers Pilot Program. Future opportunities for the transition age youth workforce development program were also identified.

11. State Budget and Legislative Updates
P. Hubler provided an update on expected upcoming State bills and budget allocations related to homelessness, the state budget, and when the legislature will decide which bills will be taken up during this session. He provided an update on SB 679 (Kamlager), and the status of amendments requested by SGVRHT. S. Pedersen provided an update on the status of mental health bills that are being tracked by the Homelessness Committee. T. Egan provided legislative budget updates resulting for the Governor’s May Revision.

12. LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.
S. Matthews provide an update on the case, in which Judge Carter granted an injunction ordering the City of Los Angeles and the County to offer housing or shelter to all people experiencing homelessness in Skid Row. The Order also called for the City of LA to put \$1 billion into an escrow account. Staff reported that both the City and County announced that they will be appealing the order and sought a stay, which would freeze the Order and delay it from going into effect until the appeal is decided. On April 25, Judge Carter denied the request for a stay of the order to offer housing or shelter but agreed to stay the order targeting the money and instead gave the City 60 days to develop a plan showing how the \$1 billion would be spent. On May 13, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay against Judge Carter’s injunction until June 15. Hearings on May 27 and June 3 will continue. Staff was asked to provide clarification on enforcement in Judge Carter’s ruling.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair B. Shevlin highlighted confusion around the June 15 reopening date and recommended the Homelessness Committee go dark for the month of July. The Committee asked that staff provide legislative updates in July. Future items include security deposit insurance, CAHOOTS, mental health urgent care centers. and inclusionary housing ordinances.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

DATE: August 11, 2021

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **CITY OF ALHAMBRA HOMELESS CRISIS HOUSING, STREET OUTREACH, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND RELATED PROGRAMS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In July 2020, the Alhambra City Council approved the City's Homeless Crisis Housing, Street Outreach, Case Management Services, and Related Programs. The City's ongoing high level of outreach has built relationships and engagement within its homeless community to better understand their long-term needs. Prior to the start of this program, the City had its own housing navigator and the Alhambra Unified School District ran a program for families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The approved program aims to enhance the City's existing homeless services based on these previous successes, while adding behavioral healthcare resources. This program puts greater emphasis on crisis housing placement and innovative supportive services to help people experiencing homelessness get the assistance they need to successfully transition out of homelessness.

Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA) was selected as the provider for the program. LA CADA is a nonprofit agency established in 1917 to provide access to evidence-based behavioral health services for underserved and disadvantaged populations. LA CADA serves LA County with facilities in Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 3, 4, 7, and 8. While LA CADA focuses on behavioral health services and operates Recovery Bridge Housing sites, including one in Pasadena and two in Altadena, the agency provides a wide range of supportive services, including the following:

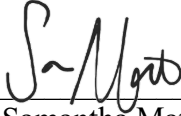
- Crisis housing through motel vouchers and other local resources;
- Housing placement through the Coordinated Entry System (CES);
- Counseling, case management, and peer support to break the cycle of homelessness;
- Treatment for alcohol, drug, mental health, and trauma disorders;
- Family counseling;
- Gang-focused counseling (provided in collaboration with Homeboy Industries);
- Life skills education to support independent living;
- HIV testing, counseling, and prevention services;
- Primary health clinics and service coordination with primary care providers;
- Community organizing for homeless service issues;

A primary service of the program is street outreach. This outreach is conducted in collaboration

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with multiple local stakeholders to make more strategic use of resources, provide more comprehensive coverage, and identify all Alhambra residents experiencing homelessness and at-risk. To accomplish this, LA CADA works closely with City staff, the City's Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME) team, the school district, CES, and uses SPA-3 HMIS to coordinate homeless services and share data. Additionally, LA CADA provides housing navigation, prevention services, domestic violence services, and access to crisis housing and residential and outpatient behavioral healthcare.

Jessica Binnquist, City Manager of Alhambra, and a representative of LA CADA will provide a presentation on the program.

Prepared by: 
Samantha Matthews
Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: August 11, 2021

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH HOPE MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In April 2021, the Huntington Beach City Council approved Project HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere), a mobile crisis response program, and approved a one-year contract with Be Well OC to operate the program.

Annually, the City's Police Department responds to approximately 14,500 calls for service where mental health and/or homelessness are the primary cause for deployment. This constitutes approximately 10% of all police department calls for service and nearly 4,000 hours of police officer response time each year.

Rather than continue to deploy police officers to non-urgent homelessness, mental health, substance use, and wound care related calls for service, City staff began exploring the creation of a mobile crisis response program. Mobile crisis response involves the deployment of a non-sworn, third party response team to assist individuals experiencing a crisis. This relieves police personnel to conduct proactive policing and crime prevention and handle other calls for service and allows professionally trained staff to address homelessness response, mental health, substance use disorder, and wound care issues.

In January 2021, City staff issued a formal Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and identified Be Well OC, a mental health care service provider, as the preferred program operator.

City staff then developed, and City Council approved the initiative as a one-year pilot program, and the program plans to be operational by August 2021. Program costs are not to exceed \$1.5 million during the first year of operation. City Council approved the following funding sources:

- Police Development Impact Fee Fund – \$368,000
- Restricted Restitution Fund – \$282,000
- American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) Funding – \$850,000

Oliver Chi, City Manager of Huntington Beach, will provide a presentation on the program.

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Prepared by: *S. Matthews*
Samantha Matthews
Management Analyst

Approved by: *Marisa Creter*
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: August 11, 2021

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SGVCOG 2022-2023 MEASURE H FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- (1) Recommend Governing Board approve the SGVCOG 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations: and*
- (2) Recommend Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI) not-to-exceed \$3,525,000.*

BACKGROUND

On July 13, the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Measure H Funding Recommendations. The recommendations include \$15 million for the LA County Councils of Governments (COGs) for the period from January 2022 through June 2023, to be allocated to each subregion based on the 2020 point-in-time (PIT) homeless count. The FY21-22 recommendations include \$5 million for LA County (COGs) to begin January 2022. Of this, the SGVCOG will receive approximately \$1.17 million. The remaining \$10 million for COGs will be included in the FY22-23 Measure H Funding Recommendations. In total, the SGVCOG will receive approximately \$3.52 million over 18 months.

SGVCOG staff will need to submit a scope of work to the LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) by September 2021 and will execute a contract with HI by December 2021, with programming to begin in January 2022. Current Measure H funding will sunset in December 2021.

To inform a funding plan, the SGVCOG engaged member cities, held conference calls with city staff, and conducted a survey of city staff. Discussions with the Homelessness Committee, Homelessness Working Group, and City Managers Steering Committee, along with SGVCOG homelessness program reporting data, have all informed regional needs and gaps in service and staff's Measure H funding recommendations. These funding recommendations were presented to the Homelessness Working Group on July 15. The Working Group expressed support of the recommendations and provided feedback on specific services.

REGIONAL NEEDS AND GAPS IN SERVICE

While the need for housing (shelter, interim, permanent supportive, and affordable) is one of the primary needs of our region, the funding provided by Measure H is not significant enough to fund capital projects. The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) was established to fund capital projects, and in June 2021, the SGVRHT was awarded \$20 million to fund the construction of affordable and homeless housing.

For homelessness services, the engagement process identified key services needed in the region, including but not limited to case management, housing navigation, medical and mental health care, and legal services. There is a need for immediate response times to calls related to homelessness and/or mental health crises and the need to enhance the work of city outreach teams. There is also a need for alternative mobile crisis response. Finally, there are regional, cohort and city-specific needs.

City staff at the July 15 Homelessness Working Group meeting also noted the need for outreach and services for hard-to-reach populations, including long-term care and treatment for those with substance use disorder and mental illness., as well as funding for various basic needs, like food and clothing.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the engagement process and regional needs assessment, the following four programs are recommended for funding:

- Program 1: Services to Supplement Existing Programs;
- Program 2: Outreach and Services for Hard-to-Reach Populations
- Program 3: Mobile Crisis Response Program
- Program 4: Pilot Programs/City-Specific Programs

These programs aim to serve a range of populations and to allow various options for cities to participate with little to no administrative burden, to participate more actively on a regional basis, and/or to develop more intensive city- or cohort-specific programs.

At this time, staff anticipates that funding will be split evenly between the four programs. However, upon approval of the proposed programs, staff will initiate a formal intent to apply process to determine the level of interest for each program and adjust funding for each program as needed.

As in the previous round of funding, the SGVCOG will extend and/or execute memorandums of agreement (MOA) with participating cities outlining the expectations of both parties.

Program 1: Services to Supplement Existing Programs

This program would fill gaps in service and address specific service needs of the region. Numerous resources exist through the coordinated entry system (CES), County departments, and other service providers. However, for participants and for city staff, it can be challenging to effectively and efficiently identify resources for persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) and those at-risk of homelessness. In addition, there are sometimes gaps in resources available that make it difficult to support all PEH when they are seeking resources.

This program aims to serve a general population of people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness by identifying the largest gaps within the existing homeless services system and providing resources to address those gaps in a more responsive and coordinated manner. Resources would include but would not be limited to case management services,

housing navigation, medical care, and legal services. Engagement with city staff has indicated that these services have been most useful and needed.

The SGVCOG would procure one or more service provider contracts, which would be centrally managed by the SGVCOG, and services would be provided at a cohort level with little to no administrative burden for the city. Each city would be able to opt-in to participate at no cost. If a city opted-in, staff and residents would receive access to the services and would receive reports on the services provided. City staff would be expected to remain updated and responsive on the program.

Program 2: Outreach and Services for Hard-to-Reach Populations

This program would fill gaps in outreach and service needs of hard-to-reach populations, such as those who are suffering with substance abuse disorders or mental illness. This program will pair service provider(s) with city public safety or outreach teams and target more frequent users of homeless services. These coordinated teams of service providers and outreach teams will work with those individuals that are harder to help – whether because of chronic homelessness, substance use disorders or mental illness – by working closely with them to connect them to the right services and treatment and to help place them in long-term care and treatment facilities. The purpose of the program is to provide the highest level of engagement and support to those individuals who need the most assistance. The program will work in close coordination with the LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH) and TriCity Mental Health.

The SGVCOG would procure one or more service provider contracts, which would be centrally managed by the SGVCOG with little or no administrative burden for participating cities. This more intensive approach to outreach services is more costly and requires significant engagement and cooperation from cities. As such, a limited number of cities/cohorts will be able to participate, and each will be required to bring resources to the program. For example, participating cities should have active public safety or outreach teams that are reasonably familiar with the persons experiencing homelessness within their cities and must be willing to assign specific staff members to conduct outreach with the selected service provider(s). Interested cities will be required to submit a simple application prior to participation.

Program 3: Mobile Crisis Response Program

This program would provide for an alternative mobile crisis response to 911 calls related to homelessness and/or mental health crises. This program would be integrated within a city's emergency response network, diverting appropriate 911 calls an alternative crisis response team that could respond to the individual in crisis. This program would serve individuals that are actively experiencing a crisis. This program would build upon the alternative crisis response study that is currently being completed.

The SGVCOG would procure one or more service provider contracts, which would be centrally managed by the SGVCOG. The regional program contract(s) would be managed by the SGVCOG, and services would be provided at a cohort or city level. The size of service area would be largely determined by the volume of 911 calls.

The program will require a high level of commitment from cities, as the program will need to be integrated into the emergency response network of the city. Interested cities will be required to submit an application or formal letter of interest, as well as data related to its 911 calls. The program may also require matching funds from cities to participate, particularly because the program will serve not only PEH but also anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. The SGVCOG is coordinating with the LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH), which is coordinating to implement a similar program. The SGVCOG is also coordinating with DMH to determine funding availability and alternatives. For those cities not served by DMH, the SGVCOG would work closely with TriCity Mental Health.

Program 4: Pilot Programs/City-Specific Programs

The final funding program would address city- and cohort-specific needs. The intent of this program is for cities or cohorts of cities to implement new or existing programs that are not otherwise provided under the other funding categories. This program would require an application, and there would also be a formal intent to apply prior to the application process. Applications will be due fall 2021.

Programs Not Included

The following activities were not included in the funding recommendations for the reasons included below.

Activity	Reason for Exclusion
Encampment cleanups	Ineligible for Measure H funding
Law enforcement	Ineligible for Measure H funding
Build/construct interim/permanent housing, tiny home projects, hotel/motel conversion	SGVRHT to fund
ADU initiatives, inclusionary zoning	Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grants available
Workforce development and training	Separate SGVCOG grant to fund, County to continue Green Path Careers program
Prevention and diversion	Duplication of County efforts, City difficulty in implementing
Landlord outreach and incentive	Duplication of County efforts

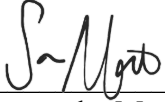
NEXT STEPS


The SGVCOG City Managers Steering Committee is also reviewing the funding recommendations on Wednesday, August 11. If approved, the SGVCOG Governing Board will consider the recommendations on Thursday, August 19. SGVCOG staff will then submit the scope of work to the LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) by September 2021. Staff will initiate the application processes with the cities to determine the allocations of funding between the funding categories.

Staff will also release requests for information (RFIs) and requests for proposals (RFPs) for the

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programs during fall 2021. All service provider contracts will need to be approved by the SGVCOG Governing Board. The SGVCOG will execute a contract with HI by December 2021, with programming to begin in January 2022.

Prepared by: 
Samantha Matthews
Management Analyst

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: August 11, 2021

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **COUNTY HOMELESSNESS GOVERNANCE REFORM**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

In February 2020, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance to review the current structures that govern LAHSA’s operations, policy development and relationships with key partners across the region and to develop recommendations on how roles and responsibilities may be better defined to improve accountability for housing and services to people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. During Fall 2020, LAHSA hired a consultant to develop a report on LAHSA Governance. The SGVCOG and several member cities participated in the stakeholder interviews completed as part of the development of the report.

In September 2020, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion, “Exploring New Governance Models to Improve Accountability and Oversight of Homeless Funds.” In response, the SGVCOG convened a working group to draft a White Paper to provide a voice for the San Gabriel Valley in discussions on the reform of LAHSA and County homelessness governance. The working group, City Manager’s Steering Committee, the Homelessness Committee, and the Executive Committee subsequently reviewed the White Paper and unanimously recommended approval by the Governing Board. The White Paper (Attachment A) was unanimously approved by the Governing Board on January 21, 2021. It was subsequently adopted by nine individual member cities.

In February 2021, LAHSA released its report on its governance structure. The main recommendations in the report include strengthening operations, establishing role clarity among the LAHSA Commission, the Continuum of Care Board, the Coordinated Entry System Policy Council, and the Lived Experience Advisory Board, and to undertake a system-level review to identify goals/vision for the system as a whole, clarify public and private sector roles, and tie LAHSA’s work to its key partners.

In May 2021, the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs Cal State LA released “A Plan for Homelessness Governance in Los Angeles,” a report calling for a new, independent entity with greater accountability to address homelessness in the County. The SGVCOG White Paper on LASHA governance reform is cited in the report, which identifies the primary problem of LA County homelessness governance as the “absence of a center, a magnetic force that can draw our

disparate best efforts to a common mission.” The report proposes a new entity to serve as the main office in the system to address homelessness, one with representation of non-City of Los Angeles municipalities. The report’s author, Dr. Sonenshein presented on the report at the June Homelessness Committee meeting.

RECENT UPDATES

On July 13, the LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS) considered a motion introduced by Supervisor Mitchell to “Modernize the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s (LAHSA’s) Existing Governance and Structure in Partnership with the City of Los Angeles.” This motion aimed to improve LAHSA’s and the County’s homelessness governance. It included a mechanism for engagement with Councils of Governments (COGs), but it was unclear what this process would entail. Importantly, the motion continued to only include representation from the County and the City of Los Angeles. The SGVCOG submitted a comment letter urging the BOS to reconsider the motion (Attachment A). The letter urged that to create a comprehensive and coordinated strategy that results in meaningful and lasting change County-wide, there must not only be input from cities outside the City of LA but also real representation of these cities on any governmental bodies dealing with homelessness governance. The BOS ultimately did not approve this motion.

On July 27, the BOS considered a motion introduced by Supervisor Barger on “Establishing a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness.” This motion aimed to bring together municipal stakeholders across the County to analyze and collect feedback on the County’s existing efforts to ensure that an ideal governance structure is in place to address the homelessness crisis. This motion acknowledged and incorporated the recommendations of the SGVCOG White Paper and the Dr. Sonenshein report, including representation from both Contract Cities Association and COGs. As such, the SGVCOG submitted a comment letter in support of the motion (Attachment B). SGVCOG staff, as well as staff from other municipalities and COGs, provided public comment at the meeting in support of the motion.

The BOS ultimately voted to support the motion. Supervisors Barger and Solis accepted a friendly amendment offered by Supervisor Hahn to expand the makeup of the Commission. The approved composition includes 12 members: one appointed by each Supervisory (for a total of five); one nominated by the Mayor of Los Angeles; three nominated by the Los Angeles City Council President; two nominated by the Councils of Governments; and one nominated by the Contract Cities Association. The final motion expanded the number of COG representatives from one to two.

The COGs met to select its representatives, and the SGVCOG advocated strongly for a representative. Ultimately, the COGs recommended SGVCOG President, SGVCOG Homelessness Chair, and Monrovia Councilmember Becky Shevlin and Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath. Appointees to the Commission must be presented to the BOS by August 10 and will convene immediately to begin their research and assessment of the existing homelessness governance reports and best practices nationwide.

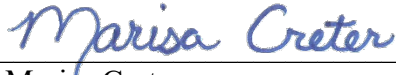
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Marisa Creter
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – SGVCOG Comment Letter on BOS Motion to “Modernize LAHSA’s Existing Governance and Structure in Partnership with the City of Los Angeles”

Attachment B – SGVCOG Comment Letter on BOS Motion on “Establishing a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness”



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RE: COMMENT LETTER ON MOTION TO “MODERNIZE THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY’S (LAHSA’S) EXISTING GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES”

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), I write to urge you to reconsider the motion to “Modernize the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s (LAHSA’s) existing Governance and Structure in Partnership with the City of Los Angeles.”

As the largest and most diverse sub-regional government entity in Los Angeles County, the SGVCOG and its thirty-one member municipalities are committed to be leaders in the fight to combat homelessness and create a more coordinated, effective homelessness services system. Over the last few years, the cities of the San Gabriel Valley, the SGVCOG, and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust have made great strides in working to address the homelessness crisis in our region.

Last fall, the SGVCOG developed a White Paper outlining our member cities’ assessment of LAHSA’s governance and recommendations to support a comprehensive, coordinated structure and strategy to meet the homelessness crisis in the County. The White Paper identified several problems within the system including:

- lack of collaboration with smaller cities;
- lack of funding for locally-based and supported initiatives and programs; and
- poor communication and a lack of transparency

More importantly, it identified possible solutions:

- increasing representation within the current system; and
- providing more autonomy within the current system.

The White Paper was formerly adopted by the SGVCOG Governing Board in January 2021, and since that date, adopted by 9 City Councils as well. The White Paper was also cited as a source in the independent report entitled, “A Plan for Homelessness Governance in Los Angeles” by Dr. Sonenshein of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs at Cal State LA.

The subject motion to “Modernize the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority’s (LAHSA’s) existing Governance and Structure in Partnership with the City of Los Angeles” comes at a critical time in the debate to restructure the County’s homelessness governance system and although we appreciate the effort that the County has taken to improve LAHSA’s and the County’s homelessness governance as well as including a process in the motion for input and engagement for Councils of Governments (COGs), the motion is unclear on what this process would entail. For example, would COGs be able to provide input on mission, vision, and outcomes, or would the intergovernmental body direct the COGs on pre-set mission, vision, and outcomes? In general however, the motion does not provide enough detail on the proposed intergovernmental body and its makeup, duration, and authority. Most importantly, the motion continues to only include representation from the County and the City of Los Angeles noting specifically that while Dr. Sonenshein’s report is referenced as to siting challenges, the motion does not follow the report’s recommendations of including representation from the 87 cities in the County outside of the City of LA.

The SGVCOG strongly believes that to create a comprehensive and coordinated strategy that results in meaningful and lasting change County-wide, there must not only be input from cities outside the City of LA but also real representation of these cities on any governmental bodies dealing with homelessness governance. The San Gabriel Valley cities want a seat at the table and are more than willing and able to be partners and participants in leading a more effective, County-wide coordinated strategy to combat homelessness and therefore respectfully asks for your reconsideration of this motion.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these comments and please do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 457-1800 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Becky Shevlin



President
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RE: SUPPORT LETTER ON MOTION “ESTABLISHING A BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS”

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), I write to strongly urge you to adopt the motion, “Establishing a Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness.”

We applaud this important effort to truly bring together municipal stakeholders across the County to use data and collect feedback on the County’s existing efforts to ensure that an ideal governance structure is in place to address the homelessness crisis. As the motion notes, as Measure H reaches its halfway point, it is critical that there is an ideal governance structure in place.

As the largest and most diverse sub-regional government entity in Los Angeles County, the SGVCOG and its thirty-one member municipalities are committed to being leaders in the fight to combat homelessness and create a more coordinated, effective homelessness services system. Over the last few years, the cities of the San Gabriel Valley, the SGVCOG, and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust have made great strides in working to address the homelessness crisis in our region.

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The White Paper was adopted by the SGVCOG Governing Board, as well as City Councils in nine cities. The White Paper was also cited as a source in the independent report entitled, “A Plan for Homelessness Governance in Los Angeles” by Dr. Sonenshein of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs at Cal State LA.

To create a comprehensive and coordinated strategy that results in meaningful and lasting change County-wide, there must not only be input from cities outside the City of LA, but

also true representation of these cities on any governmental bodies dealing with homelessness governance. Such representation is also emphasized in both the SGVCOG's White Paper and Dr. Sonenshein's "Plan for Homeless Governance." We therefore sincerely appreciate that the subject motion acknowledges and incorporates these recommendations and strongly believe that the inclusion of representation from both Contract Cities Association and Councils of Governments will ensure much needed and desired inclusion at the table of all those affected other than just the County and City of Los Angeles.

For these reasons, the SGVCOG respectfully asks that you approve this motion. We sincerely appreciate the County's and the City's leadership efforts to improve the homeless services system, and we look forward to working with our Councils of Governments and other municipal partners, the County, and the City to lead a more effective, County-wide coordinated strategy to combat homelessness. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (626) 457-1800 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Becky Shevlin

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Becky Shevlin".

President
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

DATE: August 11, 2021

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BUDGET UPDATES

As the Legislature is currently in Summer Recess there are no major budgetary updates from the July Staff Report. However, as the Homelessness Committee did not convene in July those updates are reiterated here to provide Committee Members the opportunity for discussion in the August meeting.

On July 12, 2021, the Governor signed SB 129 (Skinner) which is the “Budget Bill Junior.” This follows previous action by the Governor on June 28 to approve the main budget bill AB 128 (Ting). These budget bills comprise the major provisions of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 State Budget for which the Governor and legislative leaders have so far agreed upon. These bills and accompanying budget “trailer bills” implement an unprecedented level of state economic stimulus to accelerate the state’s recovery from the pandemic. The \$262.6 billion spending plan is the largest budget ever adopted by the state and is fueled by a \$76 billion state surplus and \$27 billion in federal aid.

After long protracted negotiations, the Governor and legislative leaders reached an agreement on how much to spend on homelessness and affordable housing – a total of \$12 billion over the next two years. The June 28 package builds on recent one-time spending efforts by the state to make the largest multi-year commitment to address homelessness over a two-year period, as well as an ongoing commitment to provide funding for local governments. Highlights include:

- **Support for Local Governments.** Includes \$1 billion in support for local governments to address homelessness for both 2021-22 and 2022-23, with additional years upon appropriation through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) program. As in previous years, funding will be allocated to each continuum of care (CoC), county, and city with a population of greater than 300,000. In addition to the \$1 billion for local governments to address homelessness, the budget provides additional support to the SGVCOG and the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT):
 - \$20 million for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) to advance the SGVRHT Housing Pipeline and the construction of homeless and affordable housing in the region;
 - \$1 million for the SGVCOG for workforce development programs;
- **Anti-Poverty Programs.** Includes more than \$4 billion over two years for various programs operated out of the Department of Social Services. These housing and

homelessness programs touch the most vulnerable in the state – seniors in poverty at risk of abuse and neglect, families with children, and children and guardians in the child welfare system.

- **Expanding Project Homekey:** The Plan includes almost \$6 billion to add 42,000 new housing units through Homekey, California’s groundbreaking national model for homeless housing.
- **Rebuilding California’s Mental Health System** \$2.2 billion is dedicated to housing for people with the most acute mental health needs and those needing conservatorships. This investment is the largest expansion in decades in terms of clinically enhanced behavioral health housing.
- **Humane Encampment Strategy:** The California Comeback Plan includes targeted programs and grants to local governments to move people out of unsafe, unhealthy encampments and into safer, more stable housing.

Also, the Governor and legislative leaders announced a deal to extend the statewide eviction moratorium through September 30, 2021, and attempt to speed up the allocation of \$5.2 billion in unused rent relief funds from the federal government for eligible applicants.

Additional budget trailer bills are being considered by the Legislature to add more context and direction relative to the allocation and eligibility of the \$12 billion for the various state administered programs and the annual \$1 billion available for local jurisdictions as part of the HHAP program mentioned above.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The following five bills highlighted below have had movement since SGVCOG staff last presented to the Homelessness Committee on July 15, 2021:

SB 15 (Portantino) - Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites.

- **Summary:** This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature in the Budget Act or other act, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants allocated as provided to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailer or a commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of housing, as defined.
- **Status:** Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations on March 18, 2021. Pass Committee on Housing March 18, 2021. Passed Committee on Appropriations and placed on suspense file on April 5, 2021. Amended and passed Committee on Appropriations again on May 20, 2021. Amendments do not include the amendments the SGVRHT requested from Senator Portantino. On June 2, 2021, the bill passed from the Senate to the Assembly. This Bill has become a two-year bill.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support and direct staff to work with the author and the co-authors to seek clarification and possibly make modifications to the bill to improve its efficacy in delivering affordable housing and provide updates on the Bill as necessary. Staff has had initial conversations with Senator Portantino’s staff, and they have been receptive to the proposals.

SB 679 (Kamlager) - Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency

- **Summary:** SB 679 (Kamlager) Would establish the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency and would state that the agency's purpose is to increase affordable housing in Los Angeles County by providing for significantly enhanced funding and technical assistance at a regional level for renter protections, affordable housing preservation, and new affordable housing production, as specified. housing preservation, and new affordable housing production, as specified. The bill would require a board composed of 19 voting members and one nonvoting member from Los Angeles County, as specified, to govern the agency.
- **Status:** Heard in Appropriations Committee on May 20, 2021 and passed as amended. Read second time, amended, and ordered to second reading on May 20, 2021. This bill was moved from the Senate to the Assembly on June 2, 2021. This Bill has become a two-year bill.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch. The SGVRHT opposed the Bill unless amended to include the following:
 - A direct transfer of the funding allocated to the San Gabriel Valley to the SGVRHT to be administered at its sole discretion, in accordance with the priorities of the LACAHSAs.
 - Increased formula funding allocated for direct programs and projects.
 - Reduction in the percentage of funding allowed for administration.
 - Funding caps for consultants and outside travel expenses.
 - Adequate geographic representation, with increased representation for the San Gabriel Valley on the Board of Directors.
 - Increased flexibility in the approach to meet income affordability targets by eliminating specific project-by-project affordability goals.
 - Strengthened accountability and transparency.
 - Authorization of funding sources that do not increase the cost of housing.

AB 816 (Chiu) - Homelessness: Housing Trust Fund: housing projects.

- **Summary:** Existing law requires the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to collaborate with the California Housing Finance Agency to develop an allocation plan to demonstrate how Housing Trust Fund grants will be distributed, based on the priority housing needs identified in the state's consolidated plan, and to convene a stakeholder process to inform the development of the plan. This bill would require the department to prioritize funding for projects that serve people experiencing homelessness, to the extent that a sufficient number of projects exist. The bill would authorize the department to alter priority for funding to align eligibility for possible benefits, including Medi-Cal benefits that are intended to assist people experiencing homelessness.
- **Status:** Introduced February 16, 2021. Passed the Committee on Housing and Community Development on April 29, 2021. Amended May 4, 2021. Passed Committee on Appropriations on May 20, 2021. Moved from Assembly to Senate, amendments made June 23, 2021. passed Senate Housing Committee June 28, 2021, passed Senate Human Services Committee July 2, 2021, and on July 7, 2021 referred to Committee on Appropriations. Amended and rereferred to Committee on Appropriations July 16, 2021. Scheduled for Senate Appropriations Committee August 16, 2021.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

AB 1220 (Rivas, Luz) - California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

- **Summary:** Would rename the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness and remove authorization for the Secretary of Business, Consumer Services and Housing's designee to serve as chair of the council. The bill would also change the composition of the council, as specified, including by creating and specifying the membership of an advisory committee to the council. The bill would also provide that the appointed members of the council or committees serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. The bill would also require that upon request of the council, a state agency or department that administers one or more state homelessness programs, as described, to participate in council workgroups, task forces, or other similar administrative structures and to provide to the council any relevant information regarding those state homelessness programs.
- **Status:** Introduced February 12, 2021. Passed Committee on Housing and Community Development on April 29, 2021. Passed Committee on Appropriations on May 12, 2021. Ordered to Senate on May 20, 2021. Passed Senate Committee on Human Services June 22, 2021. Referred to Senate Committee on Housing June 23, 2021 and amended June 24, 2021. Passed Committee on Housing July 8, 2021. Scheduled for Senate Appropriations Committee August 16, 2021.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

AB 1331 (Irwin) - Mental health: Statewide Director of Crisis Services.

- **Summary:** Would require the Department of Health Care Services to appoint a full-time Statewide Director of Crisis Services. The Statewide Director of Crisis Services would be required to monitor, support, and coordinate with support providers, with the goal of having a comprehensive crisis care system, as specified, and coordinate with the Department of Managed Health Care, the Department of Insurance, and other departments, agencies, and entities, as necessary, to support and advocate for the creation and continued existence of a comprehensive, integrated, and reliable network of services.
- **Status:** Introduced on February 19, 2021. Referred to Committee on Health on March 4, 2021. Passed Committee on Health on April 6th, 2021. Re-referred to Committee on Appropriations on April 12, 2021. Passed Committee on Appropriations May 20, 2021. Moved from the Assembly to the Senate on June 2, 2021, amended June 22, 2021, passed Committee on Health and referred to Committee on Judiciary on June 30, 2021. Passed Committee on Judiciary July 13, 2021. Scheduled for Senate Appropriations Committee August 16, 2021.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch

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DATE: August 11, 2021

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **PROJECT ROOMKEY, PROJECT HOMEKEY, AND COVID-19 AMONG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

During the pandemic, the County and the City of LA entered into agreements with underutilized hotels and motels to provide temporary housing for persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) that were extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. At this time, the Project Roomkey program is largely winding down, and several sites have been converted to Project Homekey sites.

Current updates on Project Roomkey can be found below:

- 27 sites have been fully demobilized, including 6 in the San Gabriel Valley; 6 of those 27, which were formerly County-leased sites, were re-opened as City-leased sites.
- 12 sites remain in operation as PRK sites; 5 were converted to County or City Homekey sites including 1 site in the San Gabriel Valley in Hacienda Heights. The City of El Monte also purchased a Homekey site.
- All County-owned Project Homekey sites have opened, and the two in the San Gabriel Valley are nearing full occupancy.

PROJECT ROOMKEY EXITS

LAHSA and the County are working to ensure that those transitioning from a PRK site receive case management and a rental subsidy that will be available until they can increase their income to afford their rent or can receive a more permanent subsidy. When no permanent housing is immediately available, participants can also be transitioned to other short-term stay sites.

Below is an update on the housing placements for those leaving PRK during the demobilization period for each site. The numbers below are for sites that have fully demobilized or that are in the demobilization process:

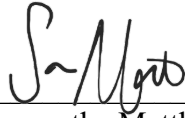
- 3% of participants returned to the streets;
- 14% of participants placed in permanent housing;
- 58% of participants placed in interim housing;
- 1% of participants exited to an institution (healthcare, criminal justice, substance abuse treatment); and
- 24% exited to other destinations, which includes unknown and deceased.

COVID-19 AMONG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

In parallel with the overall trend in LA County, the number of COVID-19 cases among people experiencing homelessness (PEH) has increased significantly over the past few weeks. For the period July 19-25, there were 111 new cases reported among PEH, an increase of 21% compared to the previous week. To date, 7,588 PEH in LA County have tested positive for COVID-19 and 216 people who were experiencing homelessness passed away from COVID-19.

There are 1,066 providers administering vaccinations to PEH. Together, they have administered over 45,950 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to PEH across LA County. Of the vaccinated people experiencing homelessness, 20,188 are fully vaccinated.

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TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **LA ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ET AL. V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. was filed in March 2020 by a group of business owners and residents called the LA Alliance for Human Rights. The Alliance claims the City and County of LA have failed to protect and provide shelter for people experiencing homelessness. The Court originally ordered the City and County to find alternate shelter for people living near freeways and under freeway overpasses. In response, in June, the City and County signed a binding term sheet to provide 6,700 beds within a specified time frame, and services for five years thereafter. These beds will be primarily located in the City of LA and primarily funded by the County.

In February 2021, a hearing was held in Skid Row in which Judge Carter, who oversees the case, criticized the slow pace of the progress in response to the lawsuit, especially in light of recent rains. He criticized longstanding policy, particularly with respect to the way these policies have affected women, people of color, and those with mental illness.

On April 20, Judge Carter issued a preliminary injunction ordering the City and County to offer some form of shelter or housing to the entire homeless population of Skid Row by October 2021. The ruling argued that the City and County of LA wrongly focused on permanent housing at the expense of more temporary. The City and County were required to offer single women and unaccompanied children a place to stay within 90 days, help families within 120 days and by October 18, 2021, offer every homeless person on Skid Row housing or shelter. The order also called for the City to put \$1 billion into an escrow account.

Both the City and County of LA immediately appealed and sought a stay of the order. Judge Carter denied the request for a stay of the order to offer housing or shelter but agreed to stay the order targeting the money and instead gave the City 60 days until June 24 to develop a plan showing how the \$1 billion would be spent.

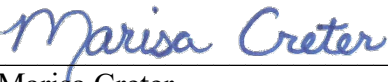
On May 13, the Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals paused the order, issuing a stay in the preliminary injunction until June 15. The 9th Circuit also requested additional briefings from the County and the City to be submitted by June 3.

CURRENT UPDATES

On July 7, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments in the case. Attorneys for the City and County of LA argued that the order violates separation of powers, takes powers away from elected officials, and would impede with elected officials' efforts to address the crisis. A lawyer for the County argued that the injunction does not stand up legally because the plaintiffs cannot demonstrate a particular injury caused by the county. The appellate court ultimately made no ruling on the appeal.

The next hearing is set for August 26, at which time Judge Carter will hear testimony from the parties on progress made toward housing those living near highways. At that time, the Judge will further consider whether to reinstate the preliminary injunction.

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