



**San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**  
**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022 -- 8:00 AM**

**Teleconference Meeting**

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City of Monrovia

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**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 agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite A120, Irwindale, CA, and on the website, [www.sgvkog.org](http://www.sgvkog.org). Copies are available via email upon request ([sgv@sgvkog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvkog.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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## **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**

6. Adopt Resolution 22-10-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing – Page 1  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-07-HC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing*
7. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/1/2022 – Page 3  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
8. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/29/2022 – Page 6  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

9. Homeless Programs to Address Food Insecurity – Page 8  
*Recommended Action: Recommend Governing Board allocate \$250,000 to support food insecurity programs.*

## **PRESENTATION**

10. Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Hollywood 2.0– Curley L. Bonds, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health– Page 12  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
11. SGVRHT Esperanza Villa Update – Brielle Acevedo, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Manager – Page 14  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

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

12. Chair's Report
13. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness
14. State Budget and Legislative Updates – Page 15

## **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. Union Station Homeless Services
19. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

## **ADJOURN**

# REPORT

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DATE: August 3, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-10-HC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-10-HC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.

## **BACKGROUND**

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on February 1, 2021, AB 361 codifies portions of Governor Gavin Newsom's existing Ralph M. Brown Act exemptions pertaining to teleconferencing if a local agency issues an emergency finding, and reissues it every 30 days, that it is unsafe to meet in person. Specifically, the Brown Act exemptions include requirements to provide a public teleconference location, to maintain a member quorum within the agency's jurisdiction and to provide for public comment at each teleconference location, such as a private residence. The legislation expires in December 2024. On September 16, 2021, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 361 into law, effective immediately.

A local agency wishing to rely on the provisions of AB 361 must meet one of the following criteria:

1. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or
2. The local holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or
3. The local agency holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

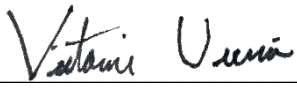
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.<sup>1</sup> However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

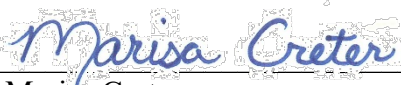
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<sup>1</sup> Similarly, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency due to the threat of COVID-19.

The threat that COVID-19 has presented continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to conduct Governing Board/committee meetings safely in person. Updated guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Los Angeles Department of Public Health in July and August 2021 advise governmental entities to refrain from conducting indoor meetings and consider moving operations outdoors, where feasible, to prevent transmission. SGVCOG staff finds it has been unable to find a suitable outdoor space with the requisite audio/visual capabilities at which the monthly Committee meetings can be held safely. Similarly, an indoor space with sufficient capacity to accommodate safe social distance practices among members, staff, and the public could not be identified

In order to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner and to prevent unnecessary COVID-19 exposure to members, staff and the public, staff is recommending that the Homelessness Committee adopt a resolution making certain findings in order to be able to continue teleconferencing for its meetings.

Prepared by:   
Victoria Urenia  
Local Programs Liaison

Approved by:   
Marija Creter  
Executive Director

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-10-HC](#)



**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting**

Unapproved Minutes

June 1, 2022

8:00 AM - Via Zoom/Teleconference

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance  
M. Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Members Present:

R. Gonzales, Azusa  
Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park  
K. Davis, Glendora  
M. Ortiz, Irwindale  
B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
W. Huang, Pasadena  
D. Holley, Pomona  
M. Clark, Rosemead  
R. Salas, South El Monte  
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena

Members Absent:

A. Verlato, Arcadia  
J. Leano, Claremont  
J. Schulz, Duarte  
R. Diaz, West Covina  
D. Urbina, LA County Dist. 1

SGVCOG Staff:

B. Acevedo  
M. Creter  
T. Lott  
S. Pedersen  
C. Sims  
V. Urenia  
M. Medrano  
R. Choi

4. Public Comment  
No Public comment was received for the meeting.
5. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Adopt Resolution 22-07-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-07-HC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-*

*19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.*

7. Homelessness Committee Minutes – 5/4/2022

*Recommended Action: Approve*

8. State Homeless Funds

*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6 - 8 M/S: (M. Cacciotti/ K. Davis).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

AYES:	Azusa; Glendora; Irwindale; Monrovia; Pasadena; Pomona; Rosemead; South El Monte; South Pasadena
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Item 7: Azusa; Pasadena; South El Monte
ABSENT:	Arcadia; Baldwin Park; Claremont; Duarte; West Covina; LA County District 1

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

9. AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva & Garcia): Excess State Land: Development of Affordable Housing

V. Urenia presented on AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva & Garcia), which would require the Department of General Services (DGS) to develop a plan to facilitate development of affordable housing on state-owned excess land. W. Huang noted the importance of also identifying underutilized state land – including underused parking lots – for affordable housing opportunities.

**There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva & Garcia). M/S: (K. Davis /D. Holley).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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

#### **UPDATE ITEMS**

10. Chair's Report

Chair B. Shevlin provided updates on the grand opening of the Operation Stay Safe Tiny Home site in Montebello.

11. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH)

Chair B. Shevlin provided updates on Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness progress.

12. State Budget and Legislative Updates

V. Urenia provided updates on the State Budget, upcoming legislation and legislation the committee has been tracking.

**LIASON REPORTS**

13. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
14. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
15. LA County Homeless Initiative
16. Union Station Homeless Services
17. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 AM.





**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting**

Unapproved Minutes

June 29, 2022

8:00 AM - Via Zoom/Teleconference

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.

2. Roll Call:

Members Present:

R. Gonzales, Azusa  
Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park  
J. Leano, Claremont  
J. Schulz, Duarte  
K. Davis, Glendora  
B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
D. Holley, Pomona  
M. Clark, Rosemead  
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena  
R. Diaz, West Covina

Members Absent:

A. Verlato, Arcadia  
M. Ortiz, Irwindale  
W. Huang, Pasadena  
R. Salas, South El Monte  
D. Urbina, LA County Dist. 1

SGVCOG Staff:

T. Lott  
S. Pedersen  
C. Sims  
V. Urenia

3. Public Comment  
No Public comment was received for the meeting.

**ACTION ITEM**

4. Adopt Resolution 22-08-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-08-HC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of the SGVCOG to hold public meetings safely in person thereby necessitating an ability to continue holding meetings via teleconferencing.*

**There was a motion to approve action item 4 M/S: (R. Gonzales/ K. Davis).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

AYES:	Azusa; Baldwin Park; Claremont; Duarte; Glendora; Monrovia; Pomona; Rosemead; South Pasadena; West Covina
NOES:	

ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Arcadia; Irwindale; Pasadena; South El Monte; LA County District 1

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 AM.

# REPORT

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DATE: August 3, 2022

TO: Governing Board Members & Alternates

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **HOMELESS PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend Governing Board allocate \$250,000 to support food insecurity programs for persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2019, the SGVCOG received a State budget earmark of \$5.625 million for the implementation of programs that supported persons experiencing homelessness (PEH). The majority of that funding - \$3.3 million – was allocated directly to cities to implement their previously-adopted homelessness plans. Cities developed and implemented their own projects, based on their own adopted priorities. Some additional funding went to service providers to provide services for PEH. While each city and service providers had different programs to serve PEH, there were several consistent priorities that emerged in the implementation of these different programs. One of these priorities was funding for food for PEH and for those at-risk of homelessness. Some cities directly allocated funding to local food banks and partners to that were distributing food to PEH; others provided gift cards for grocery stores and restaurants to distribute to PEH or those at-risk of homelessness through the implementation of their prevention, diversion, and rapid re-housing programs. Service providers purchased food from grocery stores and restaurants for their clients.

Since these programs ended in June 2022, the SGVCOG has continued to talk to cities, service providers, and nonprofit organizations, and all have continued to identify food as a critical need for their agencies. Service providers operating shelters provide three meals per day for their residents, which represents a significant cost for program operation. In some instances, grant programs do not cover the cost of food for these residents. Unsheltered residents – or even those living in housing thanks to a housing voucher – still suffer from food insecurity, and service providers and cities want to continue to provide food and food options for these residents. However, limited budgets and significantly increasing costs have made it difficult to meet the level of need, especially over the last year.

Amongst all San Gabriel Valley residents, food insecurity is a major concern. A study by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) conducted in 2018 found that approximately 66,000 residents in the San Gabriel Valley faced food insecurity, and approximately 21,000 residents in the San Gabriel Valley had very low food security, meaning that they had had multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.<sup>1</sup> In the County as a whole, among

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<sup>1</sup> County of Los Angeles Public Health. *Food Insecurity in Los Angeles County Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. November 2021. [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/nut/media/nutrition-physical-activity-resources/LA\\_County\\_Food\\_Insecurity\\_Report\\_2021\\_508Compliant.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/nut/media/nutrition-physical-activity-resources/LA_County_Food_Insecurity_Report_2021_508Compliant.pdf)

households with incomes less than 300% of the federal poverty level, nearly 36% of households with very low food security had housing instability, compared to just 6% of households that were food secure. The pandemic exacerbated food instability, with 34% of households in Los Angeles across all income levels facing food insecurity.<sup>2</sup> Food pantries continue to distribute significantly more food than they had before the pandemic.

While food insecurity has been increasing, there has also been a growing focus on reducing food waste. Passed in 2016, SB 1383 (Lara), set methane emissions reduction targets for California in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) by reducing organic waste disposal 75% by 2025 and rescuing at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food for people to eat by 2025. As part of the implementation of SB 1383, large commercial food generating organizations (large grocery stores, supermarkets, wholesale food vendors, and food service providers) must donate edible food to food recovery organizations (such as food pantries and food banks), beginning in January of 2022. Beginning in January 2024, additional types of businesses – including health facilities, large hotels and vendors, large restaurants, and large agencies with on-site food facilities – will also be required to donate edible food. These large entities are required to establish contracts with food recovery organizations to formalize these donations. Local jurisdictions are responsible for educating commercial edible food generators, increasing food generator access to food recovery organizations, monitoring food generator compliance, and increasing food recovery capacity if there isn't sufficient capacity to meet edible food recovery needs.

To assist cities with compliance, the SGVCOG has worked with 14 member cities and its consultant – SCS Engineers – to complete an initial evaluation to identify food recovery organizations and their capacity to accept edible food, to calculate the estimated amount of edible food generated by the impacted commercial edible food generators, and to develop and implement an outreach and education plan for participating cities. As part of this initial evaluation, the SGVCOG's consultant found that less than one-third of these large generators were currently donating food. The consultant found that, at present, there was a recovery capacity of between 15 and 17 million pounds in the 14 participating cities, and there was edible food generation of approximately 15 million pounds. However, it is anticipated that the amount of edible food generated will increase, meaning that there will need to be additional recovery capacity. Phase 2 of this Program involves the establishment of regional food recovery hubs, which would help to increase the recovery capacity here in the region.

These parallel efforts and priorities at the SGVCOG create a unique opportunity to assist cities in their compliance with food recovery requirements while also addressing the extreme unmet need for food here in the San Gabriel Valley. Several jurisdictions have already implemented programs to this effect. In the County of Los Angeles, the County Department of Public Health implemented the Nutrition and Physical Activity Program, in which they coordinated with Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and several food rescue and community-based organizations to collect more than 12 million pounds of food and distribute it to individuals accessing services at schools, healthcare settings, and parks. In San Francisco, the City's "Kitchen Zero SF" program recovered more than 3.2 million pounds of edible food from June 2019 – March 2022 through SB 1383 compliance

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<sup>2</sup> County of Los Angeles Public Health. *Food Insecurity in Los Angeles County Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. November 2021. [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/nut/media/nutrition-physical-activity-resources/LA\\_County\\_Food\\_Insecurity\\_Report\\_2021\\_508Compliant.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/nut/media/nutrition-physical-activity-resources/LA_County_Food_Insecurity_Report_2021_508Compliant.pdf)

activities and, working with nonprofits and food pantries, redistributed this food to residents in need.

Due to cities and service providers' challenges in expending previous funds, the SGVCOG currently has approximately \$550,000 in unallocated funds which can be used for activities that support PEH or those at-risk of homelessness. SGVCOG staff is recommending that a portion of these funds - \$250,000 – be allocated to support a program to address food insecurity for PEH or those at-risk of homelessness, with a specific focus on building the capacity of food recovery organizations and partners to be prepared for the expected increase in donated food in the coming year. SGVCOG staff is recommending the implementation of a grant program for local jurisdictions, non-profits, and service providers, for activities that would increase the infrastructure and capacity of these local agencies to collect and distribute food to PEH and those at-risk of homelessness. This work can additionally be supported by additional funding, which cities have received from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and which they have allocated to the SGVCOG to support the regional implementation of these programs. These funds can be used for the purchase of equipment (e.g. freezers, storage, etc.), transport of food, and costs associated with the set-up of the program. There is some initial work that must be done before the CalRecycle funds can be expended; however, the start-up work completed as part of this proposed grant program with potential food recovery organizations at this time will help to make those efforts a bit easier. With the short funding timelines and the immediate need, staff is working as quickly as possible to advance this effort.

## **DISCUSSION**

As discussed above, staff recommends that the SGVCOG implement a grant program for cities, nonprofits, and service providers to apply for funding to establish and/or increase their capacity to collect food and distribute food to PEH or those at-risk of homelessness. The grant program would target entities and opportunities that would help support the expansion of food recovery capacity as the implementation of SB 1383 advances. The program would allow for eligible entities to apply for funding to support immediate needs, such as the purchase of food to cover existing gaps, but the focus of the grant program would be on establishing and expanding the capacity and infrastructure necessary to accept the increased expected amount of food donations as more businesses comply with their food recovery requirements. This program would serve as a bridge as SGVCOG staff moves forward with the implementation of the CalRecycle grant program. The intent of the program is to provide flexibility in the eligible activities, to allow applicants to craft proposals that would best allow them to meet the program goals.

Staff recommends the following:

- **Eligible Applicants:** Local Jurisdictions; Non-profits; Service Providers
- **Eligible Activities:**
  - Food;
  - Staff Time;
  - Transit/transportation;
  - Food Storage;
  - Equipment (including large equipment including but not limited to fridges, freezers, stoves, sinks, and preparation space and small equipment including but not limited to pots, pans, other cooking materials, personal protective equipment);


- Construction and permitting/licensing activities required to make a preparation space compliant for use;
- Food Preparation;
- Job Training.
- **Anticipated Maximum Funding Award:** \$50,000<sup>3</sup>
- **Funding Deadline:** June 15, 2023

It is recommended that \$250,000 in unallocated funds be allocated to this program. This would support awards for up to 4 to 5 entities.

Staff is working as quickly as possible to advance this effort, given the short funding deadlines and the immediate needs. As such, if this action is approved by the Homelessness Committee and, subsequently, the Governing Board, SGVCOG staff would develop a simple application process for eligible applicants and release the application, allowing applicants approximately 30 days to respond. Should demand exceed availability of funds, SGVCOG would evaluate the applications in line with the program's priorities of reducing food insecurity for PEH and those at-risk of homelessness and demonstrating how the application would lead to increased food recovery capacity. Individual grants awards would be under the Executive Director's contract approval authority, so, if these actions are approved, no further action would be required.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Should staff's recommendation be approved by the Homelessness Committee, the recommendation would be presented to the Governing Board for approval at its August meeting. Should the recommendation be approved by the Governing Board, SGVCOG staff would release the application immediately thereafter.

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Caitlin Sims  
Manager of Local Programs

Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

<sup>3</sup> The SGVCOG may consider a higher maximum award amount if more complex work was necessary.

# REPORT

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DATE: August 3, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
HOLLYWOOD 2.0**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

The “Hollywood 2.0” Pilot Project is an effort by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) to improve services for people with serious and persistent mental illness by utilizing a new approach to serving people with serious and persistent mental illness that provides more comprehensive, community-based care. The program will increase access to existing clinical and field-based services and resources, develop and expand collaborations with community partners to increase access to beds, treatment programs, and social services in the region, and engage Hollywood community stakeholders – including community members, businesses, and organizations – who will play a vital role in the recovery journey of the clients.

This program models the mental health care system in Trieste, Italy, which is internationally recognized for its human-centered and hospitality-oriented approach to meeting wellbeing needs while fostering a sense of autonomy and purpose to support personal recovery. The Trieste Model utilizes a robust dispersion of resources, facilities, and associations throughout a community. The City has four geographically-based community-based mental health centers, each one serving the people suffering from mental illness in that area. The focus at these community-based mental health centers is to welcome clients with hospitality and to provide client-centered services. The Hollywood 2.0 Pilot Project is an effort to integrate these practices from Trieste into services in the Hollywood community.

The Pilot Program was unanimously approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in November 2021. Since then, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) has developed the foundation to prepare for the stakeholder engagement process alongside an expansion of clinical and field services in the neighborhood.

A key component of the Trieste model is engaging the community. In February 2022, Hollywood 4WRD was identified as the Hollywood stakeholder engagement partner. Hollywood 4WRD is a community-based organization that brings together community members and organizations to collaborate, communicate, and forge a unified voice aimed at system change, effective policy, and coordination of resources to end homelessness in Hollywood. In July 2022, LACDMH and Hollywood 4WRD held a virtual community launch.



With this pilot, LACDMH hopes to transform the Hollywood community – which has one of the highest concentrations of individuals experiencing homelessness and mental illness – into a new model of care and engagement that continuously engages with Hollywood residents to identify their wellbeing needs and find ways to meet them.

The pilot program aims to foster full recovery of individuals in the Hollywood area who are suffering from severe and persistent mental illness (with or without addiction) and, as a result, experiencing chronic homelessness, incarceration and/or hospital overuse. The program also plans to offer several housing and residential options from interim and permanent housing to congregate housing, including dedicated Board and Care. The program will provide the same services as the original proposal, True Recovery Innovation Embraces Systems that Empower (TRIESTE), but with the following modifications:

- Optimizing funds through the full federal match
- Avoiding the use of a fiscal/administrative intermediary
- Expediting community planning processes
- Actively exploring available resources through philanthropy
- Avoiding unnecessary technological/EMR investments

The program will also include key components such as Full-Service Partnership (FSP) Redesign, Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement (HOME) Pilot, Peer Resource Center replication and Alternative Crisis Response Initiatives.

Curley L. Bonds, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health will provide background, overview, and key components of the pilot project during the meeting.

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DATE: August 3, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST ESPERANZA VILLA UPDATE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**


For information only.


## **BACKGROUND**

In November 2021, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT), in partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the City of Baldwin Park, opened the Esperanza Villa tiny home bridge housing site. The San Gabriel Valley's first tiny home village provides 25 units of bridge housing paired with on-site security, supportive services and 3 meals a day. The site is operated by Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA), a supportive services provider that provides case management, job training, and connection to additional services. On-site amenities include shared restroom and showers, laundry room, dog run, and outdoor picnic areas. Each unit also provides heat, air-conditioning, a bed, a desk, and electrical outlet. Potential residents are referred by Union Station Homeless Services and the Baldwin Park Police Department.

The tiny home pilot program was developed to help cities meet the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. Since its opening, Esperanza Villa has given residents a safe, comfortable place to live while they wait to transition to permanent housing. Several participants are currently holding housing vouchers and working with case managers to find an apartment unit. More specific client information will be provided at the meeting.

Brielle Acevedo, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Manager, will present updates on Esperanza Villa during the meeting.

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DATE: August 3, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BUDGET UPDATES**

On June 30, 2022, the Governor signed the state budget package of bills consisting of two budget “junior” bills and 27 trailer bills for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The \$308 billion budget package contains the budget priorities and agreements reached between the Governor and Democratic Leadership of the State Assembly and Senate.

The budget package contains some significant budget and program funding allocations and project earmarks for homelessness and housing, which were included in the budget “junior” bills – AB 178 & 180 and the housing trailer bill – SB 197. Additionally, the budget package includes provisions to allow for the receipt and disbursement of additional federal funds for homelessness and housing should additional funding be made available by the federal government. Some of the funding for homelessness and affordable housing includes the following:

<b>Homelessness</b>	
<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
\$30 million	San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
\$23 million	Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Regional Housing Trust
\$39.5 million	Initial funding for the Judicial Branch to implement the Community, Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Courts, contingent upon enactment of SB 1338 (Umberg & Eggman)
\$300 million in 2022-23 \$400 million in 2023-24	Encampment Resolution grants to help local governments with resolving critical encampments and transitioning individuals into permanent housing
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	
\$200 million in 2022-23 \$225 million for 2023-24	Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) program, which includes \$34 million set aside for small jurisdictions.
\$150 million in 2022-23 \$250 million in 2023-24	Adaptive Reuse Housing
\$25 million in 2022-23 \$75 million in 2023-24	Mobile Homes and Manufactured Housing
\$50 million in 2022-23 \$100 million in 2023-24	Preservation of existing affordable housing

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\$25 million in 2022-23 \$75 million in 2023-24	Affordable housing on excess state land
\$250 million in 2022-23 \$100 million in 2023-24	CalHOME Program
\$250 million	Housing Accelerator Program
\$100 million in 2022-23 \$225 million in 2023-24	Multifamily Housing Program
\$50 million	ADU Financing
\$50 million in 2022-23 \$50 million in 2023-24	Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program created by Proposition 41 (2014)
\$50 million	Reuse of the Los Angeles County USC Hospital Campus
\$30 million	Increase funding for legal aid to prevent evictions
\$500 million	To establish the California Dream For All program to make homeownership more achievable for first time homebuyers, which is created through SB 197 – Housing Budget Trailer Bill.
\$150 million	Project Homekey. This will augment the approximate \$1.4 billion already budgeted in 2021-22.

SB 197 – Housing Budget Trailer Bill – includes some significant housing policy changes. Attachment A provides the Senate Rules Committee Floor Analysis. Some of the more relevant statutory changes include the following:

- **Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).** Grants local governments three years and 120 days from the statutory deadline for adoption of the housing element to complete the required rezoning of sites, under certain conditions. This means that local governments that have their housing elements adopted by October 15, 2022, would have until February 2025 to complete their rezoning.
- **Encampment Resolution Program.** Makes several changes to the Encampment Resolution Program established in the 2021 budget.
- **Regional Early Action (REAP) Program.** Extends the deadline by which local jurisdictions that received funding under the REAP Program would have to expend their allocations from 12/31/2023 to 12/31/2024.
- **RHNA Extension.** Extends the date by which HCD is required to develop a recommended improved RHNA allocation process and methodology from 12/31/22 to 12/31/23.
- **State Excess Sites Local Government Matching Grants Program.** Expands the state's ability to build affordable housing on state-owned excess sites, by expanding the definition of local government to include a joint powers authority, among other provisions.
- **California Dream for All Program.** Establishes the California Dream for All program and fund to provide shared appreciation loans to qualified first-time homebuyers and limits the program to provide assistance to low-and-moderate income homebuyers with the purchase of owner-occupied homes.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

### **H.R 7116 (Cardenas) – 988 Implementation Act of 2022**

- **Summary:** Would provide additional support for the implementation of 9-8-8 scheduled to take effect by July 16, 2022. This bill will provide federal funding and guidance for states to build up their crisis response infrastructure in order to successfully implement 9-8-8.
- **Status:** Introduced on March 17, 2022. The Bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Health on March 28, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support.

### **SB 1177 (Portantino) – Joint powers authorities: Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena.**

- **Summary:** Will create the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Regional Housing Trust Fund with the stated purpose of funding housing to assist the homeless population and persons and families of extremely low, very low, low, and moderate income. The bill would authorize the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Regional Housing Trust to fund the planning and construction of housing, receive public and private financing and funds, and authorize and issue bonds.
- **Status:** Introduced February 17, 2022. On June 8, 2022, the bill was passed by the Local Government Committee, then on June 29, passed the Committee on Housing and Community Development, and ordered to consent calendar.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support.

### **SB 914 (Rubio) – HELP (“Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations”) Act**

- **Summary:** Would enact the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act, requiring cities, counties, and continuums of care that receive state funding to address homelessness to include domestic violence survivors and unaccompanied women within the vulnerable populations for whom specific system supports are developed.
- **Status:** Introduced February 2, 2022. On June 15, the bill was passed by the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee. Then, on June 28, 2022, the bill was passed by the Human Services Committee and re-referred to the Appropriations Committee. Committee hearing set for August 3, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support.

### **SB 970 (Eggman) – Mental Health Services Act**

- **Summary:** This legislation will make the first significant updates to the MHSA since its adoption in 2004, by creating an accountability system that measures outcomes and supports the sharing of best practices and county collaboration. Requires the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) to establish the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Outcomes and Accountability Review (OAR), with a dedicated workgroup tasked with establishing three specified components to assist county mental health programs (CMHP) in improving MHSA funded programs. The Bill also requires CHHSA to establish the MHSA-OAR to facilitate a local accountability system that fosters continuous quality improvement in CMHPs.

- **Status:** Introduced on February 10, 2022. On May 25, 2022, the bill was read a third time, passed, then ordered to the Assembly. On June 2, 2022, the bill was referred to the Committee on Health, and passed on June 22. On June 23, the bill was read a second time, amended, and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Committee hearing set for August 3, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch.

### **SB 1338 (Umberg & Eggman) – Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program**

- **Summary:** This Bill would enact the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, which would authorize specified people to petition a civil court to create a CARE plan and implement services, to be provided by county behavioral health agencies, to provide behavioral health care, stabilization medication, and housing support to adults who are suffering from schizophrenia spectrum and psychotic disorders and who lack medical decision-making capacity.
- **Status:** Introduced on February 18, 2022. On June 21, 2022, the bill passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee. On June 28, the bill passed the Assembly Committee on Health, and was re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Committee hearing set for August 3, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support.

### **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:** On June 2, 2021, the bill passed from the Senate to the Assembly and has been held at the Assembly Desk. The bill has not been referred to Assembly committees and is technically dead, unless rule waivers are granted by the Assembly.
- **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. Senator Portantino acknowledged the need for amendments as requested by SGVCOG during a meeting with the SGVRHT.

### **SB 340 (Stern) - Lanterman-Petris-Short Act: hearings.**

- **Summary:** Would authorize a family member, friend, or acquaintance with personal knowledge of a person receiving treatment under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to make a request in writing to the person's counsel to testify in the judicial review proceedings of the person's involuntary commitment. The Act authorizes the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons with specified mental health disorders at a designated facility for 72-hour treatment and evaluation for the protection of the committed person. Under the Act, there is judicial review of the involuntary commitment and reasonable attempts must be made by the mental health facility to notify family members or any other person designated by the patient of the time and place of judicial review.


- **Status:** Introduced February 9, 2021. Passed the Senate and ordered to the Assembly on May 10, 2021. On June 21, 2022, the bill passed the Committee on Health and was re-referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support.


## **ACA 14 (Wicks) – Homelessness and Affordable Housing.**

- **Summary:** Establishes the HOPE Act and the HOPE Fund account within the General Fund. The bill amends the Constitution to require that five percent of General Fund revenues, each year for the next ten years, be placed in the Housing Opportunities for Everyone (HOPE) Fund to support the creation of affordable housing, fund housing and services to prevent and end homelessness, and support homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income households.
- **Status:** Introduced March 24, 2022. On May 11, 2022, the bill passed the Assembly Housing & Community Development Committee to the Committee on Appropriations.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Watch.

## **AB 2233 (C. Garcia & Quirk-Silva) – Excess State Land: Development of Affordable Housing.**

- **Summary:** Requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to develop a plan to facilitate development of affordable housing on state-owned excess land. The bill would require the DGS to create, no later than April 30, 2024, a digitized inventory of all excess state land, as defined, by, among other things, conducting a comprehensive survey of all state-owned property. Requires DGS, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) to develop, no later than March 29, 2024, screening tools for prioritizing affordable housing development on excess state land.
- **Status:** Introduced February 15, 2022. On June 14, the bill passed the Senate Governmental Organization Committee. On June 21, the bill passed the Senate Housing Committee, and was re-referred to the Appropriations Committee. Committee hearing set for August 1, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – SB 197 Senate Rules Committee Floor Analysis](#)