

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE HOMELESSNESS  
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 -- 8:00 AM

Teleconference Meeting

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**Becky Shevlin**

City of Monrovia

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**Margaret Clark**

City of Rosemead

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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.

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**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 so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar.



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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 22-15-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing – Page 1  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-15-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 – 11/2/2022 – Page 3  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
8. Special Joint Meeting Minutes– 10/6/2022 – Page 6  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*

## **ACTION ITEM**

9. 2023 Legislative Priorities – Page 9  
*Recommended Action: Recommend Governing Board adopt 2023 Legislative Priorities related to homelessness.*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

10. The Inn Between – Jillian Olmsted, Executive Director and Kellie Mieremet, Community Engagement Manager – Page 14  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

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

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

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

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

## **ADJOURN**

# REPORT

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DATE: December 7, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-15-HC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-15-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.

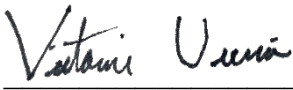
On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and shortly thereafter issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain Brown Act provisions relating to teleconferencing as public meetings began to be held online.<sup>1</sup> However, this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

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-15-HC](#)



**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting**

Unapproved Minutes

November 2, 2022

8:00 AM - Via Zoom/Teleconference

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance  
K. Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Members Present:

A. Verlato, Arcadia  
R. Gonzales, Azusa  
Y. Ruizsparza, Baldwin Park  
J. Leano, Claremont  
K. Davis, Glendora  
B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
W. Huang, Pasadena  
D. Holley, Pomona  
M. Clark, Rosemead  
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena  
R. Diaz, West Covina  
D. Urbina, LA County Dist. 1

Members Absent:

J. Schulz, Duarte  
M. Ortiz, Irwindale  
R. Salas, South El Monte

SGVCOG Staff:

B. Acevedo  
R. Choi  
J. Romanul  
C. Sims  
V. Urenia  
T. Egan

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 22-14-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-14-HC making specified findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by the ongoing*

*COVID19 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 – 10/5/2022  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
8. Special Joint Meeting Minutes – 9/15/2022  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*
9. SGVCOG Final Housing and Homelessness Report  
*Recommended Action: Receive and File*
10. SGVCOG City Homelessness Programs  
*Recommended Action: Recommend Governing Board approve modification to Measure H 2022-23 City Specific Program for the cohort of Pomona/C Claremont/La Verne.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6 - 10 M/S: (M. Cacciotti /R. Gonzales)**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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

## **PRESENTATION**

11. SGVCOG Homeless Programs  
Caitlin Sims, Manager of Local Programs, provided an update on SGVCOG's homeless programs. The Committee recommended continuing to review programs over time and make adjustments and refine the programs as needed.

## **UPDATE ITEMS**

12. Chair's Report  
Chair Shevlin shared a brief report on the City of Monrovia's efforts with workforce development.
13. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH)
14. State Budget and Legislative Updates  
V. Urenia provided updates on the legislation the committee has been tracking.

## **LIASON REPORTS**

15. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust  
J. Leano provided a verbal update.
16. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness  
S. Chamberlain provided a verbal update.
17. LA County Homeless Initiative
18. Union Station Homeless Services
19. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)  
P. De Lara provided a verbal update.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.



Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee

October 6, 2022

4:00 PM



**SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee**

**Unapproved Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 6, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, called the Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee to order at 4:07 pm. A quorum was in attendance.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Glendora Councilmember, Michael Allawos, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

**A quorum for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee was in attendance.**

**Committee Members Present**

Arcadia	A. Verlato
Azusa	R. Gonzales
Claremont	E. Reece
Diamond Bar	N. Lyons
Duarte	J. Schulz
Glendora	M. Allawos
Industry	C. Moss
Irwindale	A. Ambriz
La Puente	G. Quiñones
La Verne	T. Hepburn
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Montebello*	A. Jimenez
Monterey Park	H. Lo
Pasadena	V. Gordo
Rosemead	M. Clark
San Gabriel	T. Ding
San Marino	S. Jakubowski
South Pasadena	M. Cacciotti

**Absent**

Alhambra  
Baldwin Park  
Bradbury  
Covina  
El Monte  
Pomona  
San Dimas  
Sierra Madre  
La Cañada Flintridge  
South El Monte  
Temple City  
West Covina  
SGV Water Districts

**SGVCOG Staff**

M. Creter, Executive Director  
A. Godoy, Staff  
B. Ruano, Staff

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4:00 PM

Walnut N. Tragarz  
L.A. County District #1 E. Gonzalez  
L.A. County District #5 V. Paul

B. Logasa, Staff  
J. Romanul, Staff  
J. Beshay, Staff  
K. Ward, Staff  
M. Sharkey, Staff  
N. Ryu, Staff  
R. Alimoren, Staff  
Ro. Choi, Staff  
S. Pedersen, Staff  
S. Hernandez, Staff  
S. Sousa, Staff  
S. Wong, Staff  
T. Lott, Staff  
V. Guerra, Staff  
V. Urenia, Staff  
Y. Harabedian, Staff

\*The voting member representing the City of Montebello for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee was in attendance.

#### JOINT MEETING BUSINESS/ACTION ITEM

4. Adopt Joint Resolution 22-49 of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee Making Findings to Enable Them to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing

**There was a motion to adopt Joint Resolution 22-49 making certain findings that the existence of a local and state of emergency in California exists, that social distancing being mandated or recommended by state or local officials due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and that meeting in person presents an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.**

**(M/S: E. Reece/A. Verlato) [Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Arcadia, Azusa, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Glendora, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, La Verne, Monrovia, Montebello*, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Marino, South Pasadena, Walnut, L.A. County District #1, L.A. County District #5
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>NO VOTE RECORDED:</b>	San Gabriel
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Covina, El Monte, La Cañada Flintridge, Pomona, San Dimas, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, Temple City, West Covina, SGV Water Districts

\*The vote on behalf of the City of Montebello only counts toward the Capital Projects and

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October 6, 2022

4:00 PM

Construction Committee's joint resolution.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. Next Regular Governing Board Meeting – October 20, 2022  
Governing Board President, Becky Shevlin, announced the next Governing Board meeting.

**GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Pasadena Council Member, Victor Gordo, provided a comment.

**ADJOURN JOINT MEETING**

SGVCOG President, Becky Shevlin, adjourned the Special Joint Meeting of the Capital Projects and Construction Committee, Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee, Executive Committee, Governing Board, Homelessness Committee, Transportation Committee, and Water Committee at 4:17 pm.

**BOARD APPROVED**

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Date

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Marisa Creter, Secretary

# REPORT

DATE: December 7, 2022

TO: SGVCOG Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend Governing Board adopt 2023 Legislative Priorities related to homelessness.

## **BACKGROUND**

The SGVCOG Governing Board annually adopts a comprehensive legislative platform consistent with the Strategic Plan furthers the interests of the region and our member agencies. The platform helps guide and inform the legislative, policy, and programmatic actions and positions taken by the SGVCOG over the course of the calendar year. This report reviews the accomplishments in the area of homelessness policy in 2022 and presents proposed objectives for 2023.

The proposed legislative priorities build upon those adopted in previous years. The only notable change was to add a specific reference to the BRCH recommendations as it relates to LAHSA reform.

## **Accomplishments**

### **State:**

- Supported AB 2233 (C. Garcia & Quirk-Silva), which was signed into law and will require the Department of General Services (DGS) to develop a plan to facilitate development of affordable housing on state-owned excess land.
- Supported SB 914 (Rubio), which was signed into law and will enact the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act, requiring cities, counties, and continuums of care that receive state funding to take specific actions to address the needs of domestic violence survivors and unaccompanied women, as specified; and, requires the Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) to establish initial goals to prevent and end homelessness among domestic violence survivors, their children and unaccompanied women, as provided, and to evaluate the goals at least every two years to determine whether updates are needed.
- Supported SB 1338 (Umberg & Eggman), which was signed into law and will establish the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act to provide comprehensive treatment, housing, and support services to Californians with complex behavioral health care needs.
- Successfully secured \$850,000 in additional state funds from State Senator Portantino for the SGV Crisis Assistance and Response Engagement Program (SGV CARE).

## Local:

- Supported Homelessness Committee Chair Becky Shevlin in her role as an appointee to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) and provided comments to the BRCH and to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (LACBOS) in support of BRCH recommendations that would best support people experiencing homelessness (PEH) in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Advocated for increased funding for cities and councils of governments (COGs), resulting in the establishment of \$10 million “Local Solutions Fund” that will provide additional financial resources for COGs and cities.
- Advocated to the LACBOS for more funding to support mental health and health Services for PEH.
- Partnered with the SGVRHT and the City of Baldwin Park on a successful application for one year of operational funding through the County’s Cities and Councils of Government Interim Housing Solutions Fund for the City of Baldwin Park’s Esperanza Villa 25-unit tiny home interim housing village.
- Closed-out the expenditure of \$5.625 million in funding received through a State Budget Earmark. This Budget Earmark provided funding to 24 cities to support the implementation of each city’s homelessness plans and funding to 24 cities to implement prevention and diversion programs targeted at preventing people from falling into homelessness in the first place.
- Contracted with Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA) to launch the “Services to Supplement Existing Services” and “High Acuity and Substance Use Disorder-Focused Services” programs for 17 San Gabriel Valley cities. The “Services to Supplement Existing Services” Program provides 3 4-person multidisciplinary teams to provide services and house PEH in 3 cohorts of San Gabriel Valley cities, and the “High Acuity and Substance Use Disorder-Focused Services” programs provides 2 2-person teams focused on providing services and housing to those clients that need the most support in being housed. These Programs are funded through the \$3.525 million in Measure H Funding that the LACBOS allocated to the SGVCOG for the period from January 2022 – June 2023.
- Launched the SGV CARE Program, which will provide alternative mobile crisis response to local law enforcement. The Program provides 2 2-person teams – including a mental health clinician and an emergency medical technician (EMT) – that can respond to non-violent 911 calls, such as those experiencing a mental health crisis, include those who are unhoused.
- Selected by the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Government Performance Lab (GPL) to receive pro-bono technical assistance for one year to support the launch and implementation of the SGV CARE Program. The SGVCOG was one of four governments nation-wide selected to serve as part of their cohort of governments launching mobile crisis programs. The other four governments selected were the cities of Chicago; Washington, DC; and Allegheny County, PA (Pittsburgh, PA area).
- Partnered with the City of Baldwin Park and the SGVRHT to construct and operate a 16-unit tiny home village called "Serenity Homes" to provide temporary housing for families

experiencing homelessness in Baldwin Park. The project is the first tiny home site for families in California.

- Partnered with the City of Montebello and the SGVRHT to construct and operate a 30-unit tiny home village called "Operation Stay Safe" to provide temporary housing for individuals experiencing homelessness in Montebello.
- Successfully advocated for SB 1177, establishing the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Regional Housing Trust Fund.
- Launched the Food Insecurity Program, which will assist cities, nonprofits, and service providers in establishing and/or increasing their capacity to collect food and distribute food to people experiencing homelessness or those at-risk of homelessness.
- Launched the Housing Linkage Working Group for cities to pilot innovative approaches and activities to connect people experiencing homelessness with permanent housing.

## **2023 HOMELESSNESS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Based on these accomplishments and developments, staff recommend adoption of the following legislative priorities for calendar year 2023. Many of these recommendations are identical to those that were approved in 2022.

### **State and Federal:**

- Support legislation that promotes solutions to homelessness for those facing mental health and/or substance abuse challenges.
- Support funding for programs that provide additional resources for homeless persons facing mental health and/or substance abuse challenges.
- Support funding, particularly direct, non- discretionary funding, for the SGVRHT and other entities that will create affordable housing for the region.
- Support funding for the creation of housing units – especially very low, low, and moderate income – while respecting cities’ local control of land use decisions.
- Support legislation and funding for programs that encourage workforce development activities for persons experiencing homelessness.
- Support funding for thoughtful programs aimed at preventing people from falling into homelessness, including innovative local programs instituted by local cities.
- Support legislation and funding for projects and programs that address quality of life issues, including public safety and water quality for all residents, including homeless persons.
- Support funding for homelessness programs administered by COG and its member agencies.
- Advocate for regional approaches that allow cities to comply with their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.
- Support for financial incentives and tax advantages (such as the waiver of property value reassessments) for the construction of accessory dwelling units, particularly when they are restricted to house low-income individuals.

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- Advocate for funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) resources dedicated to those with mental illness, including through project-based housing, tenant based rental assistance, and Los Angeles County’s “restorative care village” model.
- Support efforts to better meet the needs of those who require a higher level of care than PSH, including by increasing the State payment rate for licensed board and care homes, as well as one-time funding necessary to prevent the closure of such facilities.
- Advocate for the direct allocation of State funding, including but not limited to the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, to sub-regional entities in addition to continuums of care (CoCs) and jurisdictions greater than 300,000 people.

### Local:

- Promote the allocation of Measure H resources towards cities’ projects and programs – as well as regional projects and programs – that work to solve the homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support funding for prevention programs that stop the flow of residents into homelessness, including innovative local programs instituted by local cities.
- Promote collaboration between the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley cities in implementing projects, policies, and programs that work to solve the homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support reforms to the structure and function of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and/or elements of the County homeless services system including BRCH recommendations, to better meet the needs of the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support efforts, funding, and partnerships with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) to implement locally-based alternative crisis response models, particularly as relates to non-violent crises by people experiencing homelessness.
- Support enhanced data gathering and sharing to advance understanding of and response to homelessness among all regional public and non-profit agencies to supplement the annual Point-in-Time count.
- Recommend the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and other public entities, such as the State, community college districts, and school districts evaluate the use of surplus or underutilized public facilities for mental health treatment and housing for mental illness.
- Advocate for funding for homelessness programs, and the construction and operation of interim and permanent housing units in the San Gabriel Valley.

Staff recommends the adoption of these legislative priorities intended to advance the SGVCOG’s homelessness goals and initiatives. These priorities will be presented to the Governing Board for consideration at their January 2023 meeting.

Prepared by: Victoria Urenia  
Victoria Urenia  
Local Programs Liaison

# REPORT

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Approved by:

*Marisa Creter*

Marisa Creter

Executive Director



# REPORT

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DATE: December 7, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **THE INN BETWEEN**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

According to a report released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, there were 1,776 deaths for people experiencing homelessness in 2020<sup>1</sup>. Many of the illnesses and conditions that people face can be much worse for the homeless, who often lack access to medical care and permanent housing. As people experiencing homelessness age, the toll of living and sleeping outdoors becomes increasingly challenging to manage.

The INN Between, a nonprofit organization located in Salt Lake City, Utah, opened on August 17, 2015, as a 16-bed pilot project. The INN Between's mission is to end the tragedy of vulnerable people dying on the streets by providing medical respite and end-of-life care to those experiencing homelessness. Due to the growing demand, the organization expanded and moved to a larger facility in 2018. The INN Between is licensed and zoned for 50-beds, which include the following:

- 25 Assisted Living Facility Type II beds—for adults who need assistance performing their activities of daily living, which include bathing, grooming, dressing, eating, toileting, and taking medication.
- 25 Eleemosynary Facility beds—for adults who are capable of performing their own activities of daily living.

The organization adheres to the hospice philosophy of providing care for the sick, especially the terminally ill, and treating the whole person by providing support for his or her emotional, social, and spiritual needs in addition to the medical symptoms. Clients are referred to the INN Between from hospitals, medical clinics, Volunteers of America, the Salt Lake City Police Department, Unified Police Department, The Road Home, churches, and other homeless service agencies. No one is turned away for inability to pay.

At the INN Between, clients receive the following:

- all basic needs;
- transportation to medical appointments;
- intensive case management to connect with mainstream benefits such as Medicaid and Disability Income;
- substance use recovery support with daily transportation to Methadone clinics;

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<sup>1</sup> [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/chie/reports/Homeless\\_Mortality\\_Report\\_2022.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/chie/reports/Homeless_Mortality_Report_2022.pdf)

- activities to promote wellness, positive interaction with others and the community, and self-sufficiency.

The INN Between is not a hospice provider but rather a temporary housing solution that gives homeless individuals access to professional hospice care, since hospice care is a home-based medical service that cannot be delivered on the streets or in shelters. All hospice care at the INN Between is provided by licensed agencies. In general, hospice care includes home nurse and doctor visits, medications to control pain and anxiety, home medical equipment, and comprehensive emotional, social, and spiritual support. On average, one-third of residents are struggling with a terminal illness. The INN Between also provides medical respite, a stabilization service that provides short-term stays to individuals who are too ill to be on the streets or in shelters but who are not ill enough to be in the hospital. During their stay, medical respite residents receive transportation to medical appointments and intensive case management to connect them with mainstream benefits, employment, and community-based housing. The INN Between also provides a limited number of long-term placement beds for individuals who are not suitable for community-based housing due to their medical acuity but lack the resources to afford traditional Assisted Living.

Jillian Olmsted, Executive Director, and Kellie Mieremet, Community Engagement Manager, will provide a presentation during the meeting.

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# REPORT

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TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **LIAISON REPORTS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

### **LA COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE (HI)**

#### **Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH):**

The County will release the next BRCH quarterly report with updates on the recommendations in mid-December.

#### **Homekey Round 3:**

The County is excited to offer cities and tribal entities opportunities to partner for the upcoming round of Homekey funding. The County will soon release its solicitation to identify qualified co-applicants for Homekey Round 3. In advance of this release, **HI will be hosting a webinar within the coming weeks** which will provide information about how cities and tribal entities within the County of Los Angeles can partner and be considered to apply jointly with the County for Homekey funding to support projects in their communities.