

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 4, 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). A copy of the agenda is also viewable at Alhambra City Hall, 111 S 1st St, Alhambra, CA. 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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**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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To follow the new provisions in AB 361 and ensure the safety of Committee Members and staff for the purpose of limiting the risk of COVID-19, in-person public participation at the Homelessness Committee meeting will not be allowed. To allow for public participation, the Homelessness Committee will conduct its meeting through Zoom Video Communications. To participate in the meeting, download Zoom on any phone or computer device and copy and paste the following link into your browser to access the live meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81212206069>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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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. Adopt Resolution 22-06-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing – Page 1  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-04-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 – 4/26/2022 – Page 3  
*Recommended Action: Approve*
8. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 3/29/2022 – Page 5  
*Recommended Action: Approve*
9. State Homeless Funds – Page 8  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

10. H.R 7116: 988 Implementation Act of 2022 – Page 10  
*Recommended Action: Recommend Governing Board support H.R. 7116, the 988 Implementation Act of 2022.*
11. SB 914: HELP (“Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations”) Act – Page 12  
*Recommended Action: Direct staff to submit a letter of support for the HELP (“Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations”) Act.*

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

12. CALTRANS Homelessness Efforts—Aaron Silverman and Andres Ocon, Homelessness Liaisons, Caltrans District 7 – Page 15  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*
13. Be Well OC Mobile Crisis Response—Anthony Delgado, LCSW, Director, Mobile Response Services – Page 16  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

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

14. Chair’s Report
15. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness
16. State Budget and Legislative Updates – Page 17

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

17. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
18. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness

- 19.** LA County Homeless Initiative
- 20.** Union Station Homeless Services
- 21.** Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

**ADJOURN**

# REPORT

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DATE: May 4, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

**RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION 22-06-HC MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution 22-06-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  
Victoria Urenia  
Management Analyst

Approved by: Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

**ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A – Resolution 22-06-HC](#)



**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting**  
Unapproved Minutes  
April 26, 2022  
8:00 AM - Via Zoom/Teleconference

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order
  - B. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

- 2. Roll Call:

Members Present:

- A. Verlato, Arcadia
- R. Gonzales, Azusa
- J. Leano, Claremont
- K. Davis, Glendora
- B. Shevlin, Monrovia
- D. Holley, Pomona
- M. Clark, Rosemead
- M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena

Members Absent:

- Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park
- J. Schulz, Duarte
- M. Ortiz, Irwindale
- D. Urbina, LA County Dist. 1
- W. Huang, Pasadena
- R. Corral, South El Monte
- J. Santana, Upper District
- R. Diaz, West Covina

SGVCOG Staff:

- B. Acevedo
- T. Lott
- S. Pedersen
- C. Sims
- V. Urenia

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

**ACTION ITEM**

- 4. Adopt Resolution 22-05-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-05-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 Adopt Resolution 22-05-HC.  
M/S: (K. Davis/ M. Cacciotti).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

AYES:	Arcadia; Azusa; Claremont; Glendora; Monrovia; Pomona; Rosemead; South Pasadena
NOES:	

ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Baldwin Park; Duarte; Irwindale; Pasadena; South El Monte; Upper District; West Covina; LA County District 1

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 AM.



**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting**  
Unapproved Minutes  
March 29, 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  
M. Clark 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  
M. Ortiz, Irwindale  
B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
W. Huang, Pasadena  
M. Clark, Rosemead  
R. Corral, South El Monte  
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena  
D. Urbina, LA County Dist. 1

Members Absent:

J. Schulz, Duarte  
D. Holley, Pomona  
J. Santana, Upper District  
R. Diaz, West Covina

Guests:

A. Martinez  
J. Abaquin

SGVCOG Staff:

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

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Adopt Resolution 22-04-HC Making Specified Findings to Enable the Homelessness Committee to Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing  
*Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 22-04-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*

- 6. Homelessness Committee Minutes – 3/1/2022  
*Recommended Action: Approve*
- 7. State Homeless Funds  
*Recommended Action: For information only.*

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 - 7 M/S: (M. Cacciotti/K. Davis).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

AYES:	Arcadia; Azusa; Baldwin Park; Glendora; Irwindale; Monrovia; Rosemead; South Pasadena; LA County District 1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Arcadia (Item 6)
ABSENT:	Claremont; Duarte; Pasadena; Pomona; South El Monte; Upper District; West Covina

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 8. El Monte Project Homekey—Alma K. Martinez, City Manager  
A. Martinez provided an overview of the city’s Project Homekey program, including accomplishments and challenges for the two city sites.
- 9. Redondo Beach Housing Initiative Court—Joy Abaquin, Quality of Life City Prosecutor  
J. Abaquin presented an overview of the city’s Housing Initiative Court program, which was implemented as an alternative option designed for persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) that are in the court system, with a priority towards those individuals who suffer from chronic mental illness or substance abuse or are habitual offenders.

**ACTION ITEM**

- 10. Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Court  
C. Sims presented on the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court, Governor Gavin Newsom’s newly introduced framework to assist people with mental health and substance use disorders get the support and care they need.

**There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support in concept the proposed Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court program, with the appropriate levels of funding to effectively and fully implement the Program. M/S: (K. Davis /M. Clark).**

**[MOTION PASSED]**

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

ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Duarte; Pomona; Upper District; West Covina

**UPDATE ITEMS**

- 11. Chair’s Report
- 12. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH)  
Chair B. Shevlin provided updates on the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and the release of the final governance report.
- 13. State Budget and Legislative Updates  
V. Urenia provided an update on upcoming legislative updates.

**LIASON REPORTS**

- 14. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust  
J. Leano provided a verbal update for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust.
- 15. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
- 16. LA County Homeless Initiative
- 17. Union Station Homeless Services
- 18. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)  
M. Clark requested a follow-up presentation on the Los Angeles County general hospital adaptive reuse project.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

# REPORT

DATE: May 4, 2022  
TO: Homelessness Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **STATE HOMELESS FUNDS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 27, 2019, Governor Newsom signed the 2019 Budget Trailer bill which contained \$5,625,000 in funding for homeless programs for the San Gabriel Valley to be administered by the SGVCOG. On September 10, 2019, the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a motion by Supervisors Barger and Solis directing the carryover of \$6,000,000 in Measure H “Innovation Funds” for the County’s Councils of Governments. The SGVCOG received an allotment of \$1,541,876. All Innovation Funding was expended by December 31, 2021, in accordance with funding requirements. All State Funding must be expended by June 30, 2022. To ensure that all funds are expended by June 30, 2022, on the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to re-allocate funding between approved Homeless Program categories, and direct staff to provide monthly updates to the Homelessness Committee on the progress of expenditures. Table 1 shows the current expenditures by program category:

<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>Expended</b>
Admin - Direct Labor	\$197,488.20
RHT - Admin	\$77,500.00
RHT - Capital	\$1,350,000.00
RHT - Operations	\$200,000.00
Prevention & Diversion	\$472,995.97
Pilot Programs	\$628,362.08
Plans Implementation	\$1,103,508.07
Plans Development	\$99,870.00
Landlord Outreach	\$80,000.00
Other Regional Work	\$148,265.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,357,989.82</b>

**Table 1.  
Funds Expended by Category.**

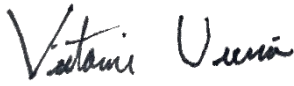
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As summarized, approximately \$3.1 million in funds are left to be expended by June 30. Staff have been meeting with each city and service provider to ensure spend-down plans are in place.

**Total Funding:** \$7,166,876  
**Funds Expended:** \$4,357,990  
**Remaining Funds:** \$2,808,886 (39%)

Staff will continue to monitor and evaluate expenditures and spend-down projects and make modifications to the funding category budgets to ensure that all funding is expended by June 30, 2022. SGVCOG will provide monthly updates to the Committee.

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Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

DATE: May 4, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **H.R 7116: 988 IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2022**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend Governing Board support H.R. 7116, the 988 Implementation Act of 2022.

## **BACKGROUND**

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Lifeline) is a 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline available for anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress that connects these individuals with crisis centers and counselors. The hotline number is currently 1-800-273-8255 (TALK). On October 17, 2020, the Federal Government enacted the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act (S.2661), which established 9-8-8 as the new national, three-digit number for The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) subsequently expanded the 9-8-8 hotline to allow text messages sent to 9-8-8 to also be routed to the Lifeline. 9-8-8 will go live nation-wide on July 16, 2022.

On March 17, 2022, Representative Tony Cardenas introduced H.R. 7116 to 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. Specifically, the bill would do the following:

- solidify ongoing federal funding for call centers, mobile crisis teams, and crisis centers;
- support workforce development and expand certain workforce programs for behavioral health providers;
- require health insurance plans to cover crisis services;
- implement a national suicide prevention awareness campaign;
- provide technical assistance and support for states as they implement their programs;
- establish an office within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to coordinate behavioral health activities; and various grants, including a pilot program for mobile crisis care teams that respond to behavioral health crises rather than law enforcement and a capital improvement program for certain behavioral health facilities. The bill also reauthorizes through FY2027
- address training for emergency services dispatchers and coordination of the 9-1-1 system with the 9-8-8 system.

The bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Health on March 28, 2022.

SGVCOG has consistently supported legislation that prioritizes and promotes mental health resources for people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, SGVCOG is working with several member cities to implement a regional alternative mobile crisis response for homelessness- and

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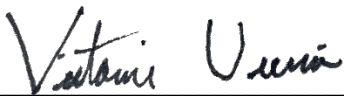
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mental health-related crises. The program would provide an alternative response to mental and behavioral health emergency crisis and proactive mental health resources, with a specific focus on school-aged youth.

On April 5, 2022, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger to support H.R 7116 with a five-signature letter. The motion emphasized the need for crisis service transformation across our country. In Los Angeles County, the County Department of Mental Health (DMH) is leading the County's transition to 9-8-8 and is currently expanding the County's existing suicide prevention hotline infrastructure in order to respond to calls through 9-8-8.

Based on staff's understanding of the 988 Implementation Act of 2022, this Mobile Crisis Response program and others stand to benefit from solidified funding and guidance as part of the 988 Implementation Act.

Staff recommends the Governing Board support the 988 Implementation Act of 2022.

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Approved by:   
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Bill Text](#)

DATE: May 4, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **SB 914 (RUBIO): HELP (“HOMELESS EQUITY FOR LEFT BEHIND POPULATIONS”) ACT**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Recommend Governing Board support SB 914 (Rubio), the HELP (“Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations”) Act.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 2, 2022, Senator Rubio introduced SB 914, which would enact the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act, which aims to reduce gender bias and disparities in outcomes in California’s response to homelessness by embedding a focus on domestic violence survivors and other vulnerable populations into state and local homelessness plans (Attachment A). Many survivors of domestic violence face homelessness when leaving an abusive relationship. Some need a safe place to relocate, and others may lack the economic resources to secure or maintain housing after leaving an abusive relationship. According to the California Policy Lab, 80 percent of unsheltered, unaccompanied women cited trauma or abuse as the cause of their homelessness.

Despite making up a significant portion of the homeless population, the State’s homelessness response does not appropriately consider the needs of these groups. SB 914 would focus more support on survivors of domestic violence by 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. The bill would require the California Interagency Council on Homelessness – the State entity charged with developing policies, identifying resources, benefits, and services to prevent and work towards ending homelessness in the State by coordinating the implementation of the State’s Homelessness Action Plan – to set and measure progress towards goals to prevent and end homelessness among domestic violence survivors and their children and among unaccompanied women in California.

On March 22, 2022, the bill was re-referred to the Senate Committee on Human Services. A committee analysis is included in Attachment B. The bill was referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development on March 30, 2022. A hearing is set for April 27, 2022. A fact sheet is included as Attachment C.

Currently, no opposition has been received. The following agencies support this legislation:

- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (Co-Sponsor)
- Downtown Women’s Center (Co-Sponsor)
- Rainbow Services (Co-Sponsor)
- ACLU California Action
- Alexandria House
- American Association of Doctors of Behavioral Health
- Bay Area Legal Aid
- Brilliant Corners
- California Catholic Conference
- California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
- California Rural Legal Assistance
- California Women’s Law Center
- Central City Association of Los Angeles
- City of La Cañada Flintridge
- City of Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti
- Community Forward SF
- Community Legal Aid SoCal
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Family Violence Law Center
- Futures Without Violence
- Good Shepherd Center
- Gray’s Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp.
- Harbor Community Health Centers
- Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law
- Haven Hills, Inc.
- Healthy Alternatives to Violent Environments
- (HAVEN)
- Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
- Housing California
- Hub for Urban Initiatives
- Human Options
- Imagine LA
- Interval House
- Jenesse Center, Inc.
- Jewish Family Service LA
- Junior Leagues of California State Public Affairs Committee
- LA Family Housing
- Little Hoover Commission
- Little Tokyo Service Center
- Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
- Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
- Los Angeles LGBT Center
- National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter
- Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
- New Star Family Justice Center
- Representative Nanette Diaz Barragán, California 44th Congressional District
- Roberts Enterprise Development Fund
- Safe Housing Alliance
- Safe Place for Youth
- Shelter Partnership
- Sojourn
- Sycamores
- The People Concern
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles

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- Valley Oasis
- Venice Community Housing
- Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center
- Western Center on Law and Poverty
- WISEPlace
- Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter
- Women's Center – High Desert
- Women's Foundation California
- YMCA Glendale and Pasadena

Staff recommends the Governing Board direct staff to submit a letter of support for the HELP Act.

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Management Analyst

Approved by: Marisa Creter  
Marisa Creter  
Executive Director

## ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Bill Text](#)

[Attachment B – Senate Committee on Human Services Analysis](#)

[Attachment C – Fact Sheet](#)

# REPORT

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DATE: May 4, 2022  
TO: Homelessness Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **CALTRANS HOMELESSNESS EFFORTS**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

For information only.

## **BACKGROUND**

At its December 2021, meeting, the Homelessness Committee heard a presentation from Jeffrey Newman, Caltrans District 7 Chief of Staff, about the Homeless Coordinating Financing Council Encampment Resolution Grant Program, Caltrans Clean California Program, and various collaborations to meet the challenges of homelessness.

Caltrans staff will provide additional information on the Clean California program, an overview of Caltrans operations, encampment prioritization and local relocation efforts, including current COVID-19 interim guidance. Aaron Silverman and Andres Ocon, Caltrans District 7 Homelessness Liaisons, will provide an overview of Caltrans' homelessness efforts in the San Gabriel Valley during the meeting.

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DATE: May 4, 2022  
TO: Homelessness Committee  
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director  
RE: **BE WELL OC MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

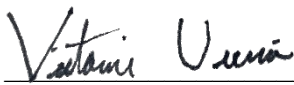
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In April 2021, the Huntington Beach City Council approved Project HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere), a mobile crisis response program, and approved a one-year contract with Be Well OC to operate the program. On August 2, 2021, the mobile crisis response team had a soft launch with two trained counselors. Former Huntington Beach City Manager Oliver Chi presented on the program at the August 2021 Homelessness Committee meeting.

The Be Well OC Mobile Response Team is composed of two crisis counselors who provide in-community assessment and stabilization of individuals experiencing mental health or substance use challenges. The team also provides information and referrals, transportation to services, and additional follow-up support and case management. This relieves police personnel to conduct proactive policing and crime prevention and allows professionally trained staff to address non-emergency situations such as mental health/behavioral crises, non-domestic violence family issues/disputes, public assistance, welfare checks, and homelessness. The program aims to improve outcomes for those in need, support law enforcement and emergency medical services so they can focus on calls where they are needed most urgently, and lower overall costs for the community. The Be Well OC Mobile Response Team model is designed to support residents, first responders, healthcare workers, social service professionals and the entire community with a clinically-effective and cost-effective response to mental illness, substance use and homelessness.

Anthony Delgado, LCSW, Director of Be Well Mobile Response Services will provide an overview and program updates for Be Well OC and the Mobile Response Program during the meeting.

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RE: **STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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## **BUDGET UPDATES**

On January 10, 2022, the Governor released his draft budget blueprint for FY 2022-23. The \$286.4 billion budget proposes to invest significant new state funding to address the Administration's top priorities, including pandemic response and relief, homelessness, transportation infrastructure, combating climate change, wildfires, emergency response and drought.

The budget includes the following ongoing and one-time funding for housing and homelessness and mental health:

- **Homelessness Package:** The Governor proposes \$2 billion in one-time General Fund over two years intended to address near-term homelessness needs while previously authorized funding for long-term housing solutions are implemented i.e., Project Roomkey, etc. Specifically, the budget proposes \$1.5 billion to the Department of Health Care Services' Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program for housing support for people with behavioral health needs. Many details of this proposal are still under development and will be available later this year. Additionally, the Governor proposes \$500 million for the Encampment Resolution Grants Program in 2022-23 administered by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to provide targeted grants to local governments to rehouse individuals living in encampments.
- **Housing Development Package:** The Governor proposes \$1 billion in one-time General Fund over two years to expand housing development. Specifically, the budget proposes \$500 million for infill housing development, \$300 million for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, \$100 million to build housing on existing state sites, and \$100 million to repurpose existing commercial buildings for housing.
- **Affordable Housing Package:** The Governor proposes \$1 Billion in one-time General Fund over two years for affordable housing development. The budget largely expands existing state programs related to affordable housing. Specifically, the budget proposes \$500 million for tax credits to builders of rental housing affordable to low-income households, \$200 million to mixed-income housing, \$200 million to preserve affordable housing units, and \$100 million to preserve affordable mobile homes.

The Budget Subcommittees of the Assembly and Senate will begin hearings in February on the Governor's budget proposal. The Governor will then submit his May Revised budget update to reflect updated state tax receipts and budget/policy revisions to the proposed January budget, including a preliminary list of Budget Trailer Bills from the Department of Finance on behalf of the Administration.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

### **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. Read second time and amended, then re-referred to Committee on Housing. Set for hearing April 27, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support.

### **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:** The committee is recommending Governing Board support this legislation at this month's meeting.

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

- **Summary:** Would enact the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act, which aims to reduce gender bias and disparities in outcomes in California's response to homelessness by embedding a focus on domestic violence survivors and other vulnerable populations into state and local homelessness plans. SB 914 would focus more support on survivors of domestic violence by 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 March 22, 2022, the bill was re-referred to the Senate Committee on Human Services. The bill was referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development on March 30, 2022. A hearing is set for April 27, 2022.
- **SGVCOG Position:** The committee is recommending Governing Board support this legislation at this month's meeting.

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

- **Summary:** Existing law authorizes the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to be amended by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house of the Legislature if the amendments are consistent with, and further the intent of, the MHSA. This bill would amend the MHSA by requiring the counties to prepare and submit 5-year program and expenditure plans, as opposed to 3-year, and annual updates, as specified.
- **Status:** Introduced on February 10, 2022. The bill was re-referred to the Committee on Health on April 18, 2022, after being read a second time and amended. A hearing is set for April 27, 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. The Senate Judiciary Committee passed SB 1338 at the April 26 hearing on a 10-0 vote. The Senate Health Committee will consider SB 1338 on April 27.
- **SGVCOG Position:** SGVCOG supported the CARE court in concept in April and is scheduled to consider adopting a position of support for this specific bill in May.

## **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. This bill has become a two-year bill. Remains an active bill pending referral.
- **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.**

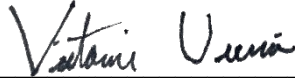
- **Summary:** Would authorize a family member, friend, or acquaintance with personal knowledge of a person receiving treatment under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act to make a request in writing to the person's counsel to testify in the judicial review proceedings of the person's involuntary commitment. The Act authorizes the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons with specified mental health disorders at a

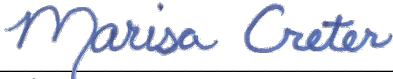
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designated facility for 72-hour treatment and evaluation for the protection of the committed person. Under the Act, there is judicial review of the involuntary commitment and reasonable attempts must be made by the mental health facility to notify family members or any other person designated by the patient of the time and place of judicial review.

- **Status:** Introduced February 9, 2021. Passed and ordered to the Assembly on May 10, 2021. Re-referred to Committee on Rules on June 17, 2021. Remains an active bill in committee process.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Support.

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