



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 1, 2022 -- 8:00 AM
Teleconference Meeting

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City of Monrovia

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

MEETINGS: Regular Meetings of the Homelessness Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM at the West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room (1444 W. Garvey Avenue S., West Covina, CA 91790). The 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. 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@sgvcog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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

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



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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/86070455501>. You may also access the meeting via the livestream link on the front of the agenda page.

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- Written Comments (Email): If you wish to submit written public comments to be distributed to the committee members prior to or during the meeting, please submit these materials via email to Victoria Urenia at vurenia@sgvcog.org at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting time. Please indicate in the Subject Line of the email “FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.” Emailed public comments will be read into the record and will be part of the recorded meeting minutes. Written public comments may include, but are not limited to letters, reports, and presentations. While there is no page or word count limit for written comments, the time for reading written public comments into the record will be limited to three minutes, which is the same time allotted for verbal comments.
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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 22-07-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 – 5/4/2022– Page 3
Recommended Action: Approve
8. State Homeless Funds– Page 7
Recommended Action: For information only.

ACTION ITEMS

9. AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva & Garcia): Excess State Land: Development of Affordable Housing
Recommended Action: Recommend Governing Board support AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva & Garcia)– Page 9

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

10. Chair’s Report
11. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness
12. State Budget and Legislative Updates– Page 11

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

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

ADJOURN

DATE: June 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: 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.

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.¹ However, this Executive Order expired on September 30, 2021, despite the State of Emergency remaining in place.

¹ 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 22-07-HC](#)



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
May 4, 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
A. Verlato led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

R. Gonzales, Azusa
J. Santana, Upper District

Guests:

A. Silverman
A. Ocon
B. Smith
A. Delgado
J. Austin

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 (It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on these matters)

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. 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.
- 7. Homelessness Committee Minutes – 4/26/2022
Recommended Action: Approve
- 8. Homelessness Committee Minutes – 3/29/2022
Recommended Action: Approve
- 9. State Homeless Funds
Recommended Action: For information only.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6 - 9 M/S: (K. Davis/ A. Verlato).

[MOTION PASSED]

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

ACTION ITEMS

- 10. H.R 7116: 988 Implementation Act of 2022
V. Urenia presented on H.R 7116, which will provide additional support, federal funding, and guidance for states to build up their crisis response infrastructure in order to successfully implement 9-8-8.

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support H.R. 7116, the 988 Implementation Act of 2022. M/S: (M. Cacciotti /K. Davis).

[MOTION PASSED]

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

11. SB 914: HELP (“Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations”) Act
 V. Urenia presented on SB 914, 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.

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board support SB 914 (Rubio), the HELP (“Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations”) Act and work with author. M/S: (M. Clark/ M. Cacciotti).

[MOTION PASSED]

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

PRESENTATIONS

12. CALTRANS Homelessness Efforts—Aaron Silverman and Andres Ocon, Homelessness Liaisons, Caltrans District 7
 A. Silverman and A. Ocon, Homelessness Liaisons, Caltrans District 7 provided an overview of Caltrans District 7 and its homelessness efforts in the San Gabriel Valley.
13. Be Well OC Mobile Crisis Response—Anthony Delgado, LCSW, Director, Mobile Response Services
 A. Delgado, licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), Director, Be Well OC Mobile Response Services, Jason Austin, Deputy Director of Homelessness and Behavioral Health, and Lieutenant Brian Smith provided an overview and program updates for the Be Well OC Mobile Response Program. The Committee asked questions regarding program implementation and data.

UPDATE ITEMS

14. Chair’s Report
15. 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 approval of the recommendations by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. J. Leano requested additional information on the final recommendations.
16. State Budget and Legislative Updates
 V. Urenia provided an update on upcoming legislative updates.

LIASON REPORTS

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)
P. De Lara provided a verbal report on LAHSA updates.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

REPORT

DATE: June 1, 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:

Funding Category	Expended
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	\$1,099,658.07
Plans Development	\$99,870.00
Landlord Outreach	\$80,000.00
Other Regional Work	\$148,265.50
TOTAL	\$4,354,139.82

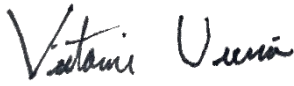
**Table 1.
Funds Expended by Category.**

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As summarized, approximately \$3.1 million in funds are left to be expended by June 30. Staff has met with each city and service provider and ensured that spend-down plans are in place.

Total Funding: \$7,166,876
Funds Expended: \$4,354,140
Remaining Funds: \$2,812,736 (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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Executive Director

DATE: June 1, 2022
TO: Homelessness Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: AB 2233: EXCESS STATE LAND: DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommend Governing Board support AB 2233 (Quirk-Silva & Garcia).

BACKGROUND

On February 15, 2022, Assembly members Cristina Garcia and Sharon Quirk-Silva introduced AB 2233, which would require the Department of General Services (DGS) to develop a plan to facilitate development of affordable housing on state-owned excess land (Attachment A). The Bill would require DGS to create, no later than April 30, 2024, a digitized inventory of all excess state land by, among other things, conducting a comprehensive survey of all state-owned property. Additionally, the Bill also requires that 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.

On January 15, 2019, to address the shortage of housing in California, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-06-19 (EO), which requires DGS and HCD to identify excess state-owned property for affordable housing projects and make designated and appropriate sites available. In March 2022, the State Auditor issued a report on the State's efforts to re-purpose underutilized State buildings for affordable housing, particularly as more State workers are shifting to a work-from-home schedule and identified several problems with the implementation of the EO. In this audit, the following was identified:

- At current staffing levels, it will take DGS seven more years to offer up the remaining 73 properties identified in the initial analysis;
- Given the expedited nature of the initial review, DGS missed sites that would have been identified using more rigorous search criteria; and
- The EO did not create an ongoing process for reviewing, identifying and disposing of surplus land for the provision of affordable housing.

AB 2233 can help make the EO permanent by codifying it into legislation and carrying out its duties to further the program's impact by identifying improvements and establishing criteria to increase the supply of affordable housing on state property. This bill seeks to address part of the identified problems, by requiring DGS to establish an ongoing system for identifying and disposing of state surplus property. In addition, as recommended in the audit, this bill allows the Department of Transportation to sell to DGS surplus property at less than the property's current

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fair market value, to the extent permissible, if the property is used for the development of affordable housing.

SGVCOG has long supported legislation that promotes solutions to homelessness. One strategy in addressing homelessness is to increase the supply of affordable housing options. The high cost of housing has contributed to California having the highest level of functional poverty of any state and the second lowest rate of homeownership, which has only been exacerbated by the pandemic. AB 2233 is an additional strategy to address the need for additional affordable housing options by developing a plan to facilitate the development of affordable housing on state-owned excess land.

On April 27, the bill was passed and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. A committee analysis is included in Attachment B. On May 19, passed, read a second time, then ordered to third reading.

Staff recommends the Governing Board support the AB 2233.

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Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

[Attachment A – Bill Text](#)

[Attachment B – Assembly Committee on Appropriations Analysis](#)

DATE: June 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **STATE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BUDGET UPDATES

On May 13, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom presented to the Legislature a revised and updated state budget proposal for FY 2022-23. The Governor’s “May Revise” proposes to allocate a \$52 billion overall General Fund Surplus, an increase of \$23 billion over the \$29 billion surplus estimated in the initial budget proposal released January 10, 2022. The Chief Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) estimates of the General Fund Surplus of \$52 billion in the May Revise, that the Governor is proposing to spend about 60 percent of the overall surplus, or \$32 billion, on one-time or temporary basis for a variety of programmatic expansions (defined as funding that is available for 3 years or less). Typically, the largest shares of state funding for affordable housing and homelessness have been earmarked as “one-time or temporary spending”

The May Revision includes the following updates for ongoing and one-time funding for affordable housing, homelessness, and mental health:

- **Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP).** As part of the 2021 Budget Act, \$1 billion was made available for HHAP in 2022-23. The Administration has indicated that they are committed to extending HHAP at current levels for additional years beyond 2022-23, pending further discussion with the Legislature to meaningfully increase outcomes and accountability on local HHAP spending to focus on highest priority needs, such as encampment resolution, operating subsidies for to ensure sustainability for Project Homekey site, and CARE Court housing supports.
- **Homeless Housing on State-Owned Land.** The May Revision includes \$500 million over two years to house unsheltered individuals on state-owned land through grants to local governments for interim housing and site preparation. Interim housing placements will provide bridge housing for unsheltered individuals who can be transitioned into long-term housing placements.
- **Additional Homekey Funding.** The May Revision proposes an additional \$150 million in funding for Project Homekey, for a total of \$2.9 billion in Homekey funding over two years.
- **Additional Adaptive Reuse Funding.** The May Revision proposed an additional \$500 million in one-time General Fund over 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the proposed Adaptive Reuse program that was included in the Governor’s January budget. This program is intended to remove barriers to build more downtown-oriented and affordable housing

through funding adaptive reuse—namely, converting existing infrastructure, underutilized retail space, and commercial buildings into residential uses. This brings total funding for the newly-proposed program to \$600 million over three years.

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. After being read a third time on May 9, 2022, the bill was ordered to the Assembly.
- **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:** Governing Board adopted a resolution of support at the May Governing Board 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. The bill was passed and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations on April 27, 2022. On May 24, the bill was read a third time, passed the Senate and was ordered to the Assembly.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Governing Board approved a motion to support the legislation at the May Governing Board meeting.

SB 970 (Eggman) – Mental Health Services Act

- **Summary:** Existing law authorizes the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to be amended by a two-thirds 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 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 Appropriations on May 2, 2022, after being read a second time and amended. On May 19, the bill passed Senate Appropriations, was read a second time and ordered to third reading.
- **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 Health Committee passed SB 1338 on April 27 and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. On May 25, the bill was passed on a unanimous bi-partisan vote to the Assembly.
- **SGVCOG Position:** Governing Board approved a motion to support the legislation at the May Governing Board meeting.

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 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.


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 12, 2022, the bill was amended and ordered to a third reading.
- **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 April 27, the bill was passed and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. On May 23, after being read a third time, the bill was passed and ordered to the Senate.
- **SGVCOG Position:** The Homelessness Committee is considering a recommending a position of support for this Bill at its June meeting.

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DATE: June 1, 2022

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **LIAISON REPORTS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES

1. Coordinated Entry System (CES)

- a. Upcoming Regional Coordination/Outreach Coordination meetings:
Central Region: first Tuesday of the month - June 7th,
Western Region: second Tuesday of the month - June 14th
Eastern Region: third Tuesday of the month - June 21st
- b. USHS will be getting a 2nd Outreach Coordinator!

2. USHS Programs

a. Outreach/Housing Navigation

- i. DHS-funded Multidisciplinary Outreach Teams (MDT) + Public Spaces team continue full regional outreach, 7 days per week including primary care services
- ii. SGV COG Multidisciplinary Outreach Team preparing to launch summer 2022
- iii. City-specific services in: Glendora, El Monte, Baldwin Park, South El Monte, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, La Puente
- iv. Referrals for outreach can be submitted through LA-HOP: <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/request> and/or email singleadultreferrals@unionstationhs.org

b. Interim Housing & Adult Services

- i. USHS continues to offer immediate shelter through Adult Center in Pasadena & various motel voucher programs (please refer through LA-HOP)
- ii. Congregate shelters remain decompressed due to COVID-19
- iii. Referral process for CES Housing Navigation changing July 1, 2022
- iv. Safe Haven–referrals can be sent to Erin Butler at ebutler@unionstationhs.org

c. Permanent Housing & Supportive Services

- i. USHS is building a Housing Liaison team to conduct intensive landlord outreach in the SGV region. Contact Giulianna LoMaglio glomaglio@unionstationhs.org

d. Family & Employment Services

- i. Families with minor children experiencing homelessness, submit referrals to fscreferral@unionstationhs.org
- 3. **New Projects**
 - a. USHS opened the M Motel interim housing site in El Monte in January 2022 serving 39 adults
 - b. USHS opened Tiny Home Village in Eagle Rock March 2022
- 4. **Capacity Building Highlights and Opportunities:**
 - a. **Union Station Changing the Narrative Series: Seniors and Homelessness:** May 26, 2022 12-1:30pm population. Register today at: https://unionstationhs.zoom.us/webinar/register/7516510069851/WN_FFzoJ5ACRYuWvjXk5Oh1NA?fbclid=IwAR1q0n-gUjite-5Gb1J9yow1HC5nwL8Aai-XGrShz8lhoJnQUw96FFClm4U
 - b. Union Station continues to provide our **Naloxone Distribution and Drug Education Program** as a free offering to all interested Partners and Cities. Contact Shawn Morrissey smorrissey@unionstationhs.org/ (626) 375-4010, for more info.