



Mar Vista Community Council



HOMELESS ISSUES SUB-COMMITTEE WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REMOTE MEETING AGENDA

Date: 7/15/20 6:30-7:45PM

PUBLIC WELCOME

ALL ATTENDEES ARE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

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Our Mission Statement: The Homeless Issues Sub-Committee mission is to promote stakeholder input concerning homeless issues in our community. The Committee encourages involvement, provides relevant information and resources, acts as advocate and liaison, and supports viable and equitable solutions.

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts of Interest
4. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
5. Public Comment for Items Not on This Agenda (2 minutes per person)
6. Announcements
7. Review of Previous Motions Passed by MVCC HIC (attached)
8. Bowlero Parking Lot
9. Post Office Beautification Project
10. Injunction to Relocate Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Away from Freeways – 405 Underpass
<https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.cacd.775720/gov.uscourts.cacd.775720.108.0.pdf>
11. Wasatch/Venice Encampment
12. Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness: Is this viable in Mar Vista?
<https://www.pptfh.org/services>

From Councilmember Bonin staff: "Constituents often ask my colleagues and I, "Why do our neighborhoods experience homelessness, but not Pacific Palisades?" The meeting below is an opportunity to experience the community coalition the Palisades brought together to establish a dedicated, community-funded outreach team, as well as to speak with the Executive Director of LAHSA and the agency that runs the Palisades outreach team (The People Concern)."

<https://mailchi.mp/077adcb81731/july-2020-pptfh-online-meeting>

13. Second Round of Public Comment

14. Adjournment

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ATTACHMENTS – Recent Motions

2/19/20 MOTION - PASSED

Mar Vista Neighborhood Council Homeless Issues Sub-Committee

MOTION: *Calling on the City of Los Angeles to Reprioritize Homeless Housing Strategy*

The City of Los Angeles is unable to produce individual housing units fast enough to positively impact our homeless housing crisis. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)'s housing coordination efforts do not enable efficient supportive services, decrease likelihood of housing success, and leave people homeless far too long.

Given the lack of individual housing units, streets, shelters and bridge housing are being used for long-term habitation by homeless persons. Supportive services, including health care, substance abuse treatment, money management, case management, and legal advocacy, are poorly provided to these persons.

Shared supportive housing programs have not been aggressively pursued though these are more viable and appropriate solutions for the most vulnerable homeless persons.

Currently, much of the City's investment in homeless solutions is through 2016 Measure HHH funding of new-build, permanent individual supportive housing units. Supportive housing combines affordable housing with services for residents. However, requirements for on-site services are vague and, to date, only 60 units have opened at a median cost of \$531,000 per unit.

LAHSA coordinates the City's homeless housing efforts. LAHSA's Coordinated Entry System (CES) utilizes the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to prioritize homeless persons for housing.

Homeless persons are scored points (0-17) for independent housing barriers such as chronic homelessness, inability to care for basic needs, financial strain, chronic health and substance abuse issues, disability, medication misuse, trauma and abuse, exploitation, risky behavior, and being a victim or perpetrator of crime.

Homeless persons are categorized by score as high (8-17), mid (4-7), or low (0-3) acuity. Persons rated high acuity are then prioritized to receive individual housing units, even though they face the most housing barriers. In actual practice, a score of 17 is required to have any realistic individual housing priority. This prioritization is inappropriate because:

1. High acuity persons often require comprehensive supportive services.
2. High acuity persons often lack support systems.
3. Current supportive services are inefficient, provided to one person, in one location, at a time.
4. Landlords are reluctant to rent to high acuity persons.

5. Individual housing units are almost always preferred to shared alternatives because, once housed anywhere, any priority for future individual housing is lost.
6. High acuity persons are more likely to suffer negative housing outcomes including eviction.
7. Landlords are less likely to rent to high acuity persons once impacted by a problematic tenancy and eviction process.
8. The time from highest acuity ranking to individual housing can be well over one year.
9. Low acuity persons, most likely to succeed in individual housing, are not prioritized.

The Mar Vista Community Council Homeless Issues Sub-Committee therefore moves that the Los Angeles City Council:

Direct LAHSA to reprioritize homeless housing strategy. This strategy should:

1. Recognize the streets, shelter, and bridge housing as the City's current, long-term, first-housing model.
2. Locate field-service teams by council district to provide comprehensive services and peer support.
3. Recognize that high acuity persons are poorly served by the current housing process. Stop the initial offering of scarce and inappropriate individual housing to these persons.
4. Reprioritize high acuity persons to supportive shared housing including single or shared bedrooms in collaborative houses or apartments, motels, Board and Cares, SROs, and sober living homes.
5. Utilize and expand existing supportive shared housing programs using HHH and other available homeless housing funds.
6. Locate comprehensive services and peer support at shared housing locations.
7. Increase participation by developing a system whereby homeless persons, after a specified time spent in shared housing, may obtain individual housing.
8. Prioritize homeless persons rated low acuity to affordable individual housing units.

Visibly and proactively respond to housed community concerns by:

1. Forbidding high acuity shared housing within 500 feet of a childcare center, school or park.
2. Providing LAHSA and district service team updates at each community council homeless committee meeting.
3. Promoting community involvement through volunteer opportunities to help homeless persons on the streets, and at shelters, bridge housing, and shared-housing locations.

Approved, with Amendment added, on February 19, 2020
MVCC Homeless Issues Sub-Committee
Co-Chairs Renee A. Sabshin, M.D. and Robert Watkins IV, M.D.

Amend LAMC 41.18.

MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council calls upon the Los Angeles City Council to Amend LAMC 41.18 as follows: (d) No person shall sit, lie or sleep in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public right-of way as follows:

(1) At any time in a manner that restricts fifteen feet of clearance from any utilizable and operational entrance, exit, driveway or loading dock.

(2) At any time in a manner that restricts passage to less than 36" in any and all directions, as required by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

(3) At any time:

- (i) Within 150 feet of any structure, with a Certificate of Occupancy, that is in residential use.
- (ii) Within 500 feet of a park.
- (iii) Within 500 feet of a school.
- (iv) Within 500 feet of a daycare center.
- (v) In or upon any tunnel, bridge or pedestrian subway that is on a route designated by City Council resolution as a school route.
- (vi) Within 500 feet of a facility opened after January 1, 2018 to provide housing, shelter, supportive services, safe parking, or storage to homeless persons.
- (vii) Bike and other recreational paths.
- (viii) Public areas (non-sidewalk) posted with No Trespass signs for safety purposes.
- (ix) Public areas posted with closing times for safety and maintenance purposes.
- (x) Crowded public sidewalk areas like those exempted in the citywide vending ordinance and other large venue-adjacent areas.

MOTION: Housing Solutions

- (xi) 1. Massive emergency temporary shelters need to be built in an area with affordable land, away from residential neighborhoods to provide medical care, mental health, drug treatment, safety, hygiene, and services to re-introduce people back into society (job training, relocation, family reunification). Anyone sleeping on the streets must be required to go to the shelter which should eventually be converted into a permanent structure to provide all services.
- (xii) 2. Subsidized affordable housing, with services on-site, needs to be built in residential neighborhoods to re-integrate people into society. People eligible for this option must have a prior connection to the neighborhood defined as living as a member of the community for the past three years; living, working, or attending school in the neighborhood (for example, people who meet the prior criteria and who have become disabled, elderly, mentally ill, or drug-addicted).
- (xiii) 3. "Low-Barrier" Shelters do not belong in residential neighborhoods. Shelters that allow drug use and are open throughout the night are detrimental to the children and working members of the community. What's more, services that allow people to remain on the street will enable homelessness and encourage more to migrate to desirable areas.

