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HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 11, 2021 @ 7 PM
a Zoom webinar.

Committee members present:

1-*Pat Bates: Co- Chair, 3-*Melody Korehe 5-Erik Yoo 6-Rochelle Mitchell

Committee members absent: 2-*Jodie Francisco: Co-Chair 4-*Maury Geller

Alternate Committee Members:

1-*Victoria Miller (absent)

*Denotes Board Member/Alternate (maximum 5 allowed)

1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm, Recording was started, determination of quorum, all present Homelessness Committee Members are qualified to vote
2. Pat volunteered to take minutes
3. Reports from Committee Members: the members present introduced themselves, Rachell discussed the Homelessness, Mental illness and Addiction town hall at the Sisters of Social Service in July.
4. Approval of Prior Homelessness Committee minutes. Discussion and possible action to approve Draft Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes. This was deferred to the next meeting.
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. Discussion and possible motion supporting [CF 21-0773](#): Provision of trash receptacles and regular pickup for encampments consisting of 3 or more tents. There was some committee discussion, Rochelle noted that it was a 'no brainer'. An attendee (Alex Garay) queried why the city did not use the brown sanitation bins that are already distributed. Motion to recommend the Encino Neighborhood Council file a community Impact Statement in favor of CF 21-0773 which requests that the City Council direct the Bureau of Sanitation to report back within 60 days laying out the resources—including, but not limited to, personnel, equipment, and materials—that would be required to {place} wire basket trash receptacles at all homeless encampments in the City of Los Angeles made up of three or more tents and to regularly service those receptacles every three to four days. The report should also include recommendations for the implementation of a homeless encampment trash receptacle program that will accomplish these goals. And further, every effort should be made to quickly complete the study, find funding, and

implement the sanitation program without delay. There are not enough beds of any kind to accommodate everyone currently on the street, providing regular trash collection to encampments has been discussed for too long, it is long overdue. Pat moved, Eric 2nd, vote passed 4 yes/0 no/0 abstentions 2 absent

- b. Discussion and possible motion supporting [CF 21-0774](#): that the City Council direct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify City-owned parking lots, vacant parcels, and other properties not suitable for permanent or interim housing that can be utilized to create a distributed, City-wide network of small-scale, shipping-container storage facilities for people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. There have been various proposals for more city storage facilities, it is time to get it done first by expediting the study, and next by rapidly implementing the program.
- c. Closures of Board & Care Homes: [See 2019 article](#). The situation is not better. About every 2 years there is a push to increase the reimbursement rates. See [CF 19-0002-S184](#). [CF 19-1516](#). [CF 20-1206](#). Nothing happens, board & care homes continue to close. These facilities serve adult individuals, some with Severe Mental Illness, some elderly, in many cases having experienced homelessness. Most have no resources. Closure of these facilities is a direct pathway to the street. There was some discussion of this. Pat noted she will poke the committee to pursue the issue as well as the issue of inpatient mental health facilities with >16 beds being unable to accept MediCal payment because the state has not requested a waiver. Mental health and addiction issues can be both a cause and a sequela of homelessness, California needs vastly expanded treatment capacity.

6. Public comment was received from Katie Yaroslavsky who is running for CD 5.

7. **Committee Member Comment on Items not on this Agenda** Eric noted he is not pleased with the change to the Los Angeles Municipal Code §41.18 which may criminalize being unhoused. Pat concurs to some extent but notes that people should not be allowed to occupy dangerous locations, further people thus displaced need somewhere to go. Pat will send instructions to the committee for logging into the Los Angeles city Council file Management System with some suggestions for research.

8. **Adjournment 2030**

Next Homelessness committee Meeting: 10/13/2021 @7PM