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## ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 7pm

### Encino Women's Club – Kitchen

4924 Paso Robles Ave. Encino, CA, 91316

**Voting Members – ENC Members:**

Pat Bates (Co-Chair)\*, Steven Turner(Co-Chair) \*

**Voting Members – Stakeholders:**

Lauren Telegdy, Heather Rim, Jodie Francisco, Janel Bishop, Alyssa Boyle, Rochel Mitchell

**Alternate Committee Members:**

Victoria Miller\*

\* Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate, no more than 5 Encino Neighborhood Council Board-Members or Alternates may be seated at a time to vote during a committee meeting

Motion, Discussion, and Vote may be taken on all items

1. **Call to Order. Roll call; determination of quorum.**
2. **Approve minutes**
3. **Old Business (10 min): none**
  - a. Confirm status of Bull Creek area encampment
  - b. Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count on January 22, 2018 (San Fernando Valley Areas) – How many of us participated?
4. **New Business (60 Min):**
  - A. **Homeless count and Services in the Sepulveda Basin:** It is obvious that there are many homeless individuals living in various areas of the Sepulveda Basin including the Bull Creek area near Lake Balboa, the South Reserve, various areas in Woodley Park including north of the Archery Range and west of Balboa Blvd. adjacent to the Los Angeles River. A large number of encampments are visible from Google Earth, and that would only include those not under the tree canopy. There are issues throughout the Basin areas including destruction of public property, assaults on park users, contamination of waterways, to say nothing of the unfortunate individuals living there who need assistance.



The 2018 Homeless Count only reports 31 homeless persons in the entire Sepulveda Basin (Census Tract 980024). This very low number does not seem plausible. The homeless count is a major factor in allocation of services, and there is a significant impact of the homeless in the Sepulveda Basin on our community.

As the Encino Neighborhood Council, jointly with the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, represents the entire Sepulveda Basin, we make the following motion:

**MOTION HOM-19-03-0001:** The ENC Homelessness Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council (the Board) support the efforts of the Committee to obtain information from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and any other agencies involved regarding the methodology of the homeless count in the Sepulveda Basin including locations surveyed. In addition the Board requests data on deployment of Homeless Engagement Teams (HET) in the Sepulveda Basin including frequency and approximate numbers of individuals contacted. The Homelessness Committee is authorized by the Board to make requests of involved agencies including inquires under the California Public Records Act.

- B. SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS ADVOCACY TRAINING:** The United Way ‘Everyone In’ program provides workshops on ending homelessness and advocacy training. Many Neighborhood Councils have hosted workshops. **HOM-19-03-0002:** The Encino Homelessness Committee recommends that the Board support and co-sponsor with ‘Everyone In’ an Advocacy Training workshop in Encino, including purchase of supplies and refreshments up to \$250.
- C. HOMELESS CONNECT DAY TENTATIVELY APRIL 18, 2019: MOTION HOM-19-03-0003:** Allocation of up to \$500 to partner with the Mayor’s Office, LA County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl’s office and LA Family Housing in support of Homeless Connect Day to be held in the Sepulveda Basin tentatively April 18, 2018. Non-profit agencies as well as governmental agencies will be on site to provide services. Money will be used to provide food at the event.
- D. SEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR BRIDGE HOUSING: HOM-19-03-0004**The Board’s Homelessness Committee recommends that the Board support efforts to locate a suitable property for placement of a Bridge Housing facility in or proximate to the Sepulveda Basin, with consideration being given to environmental concerns, flooding risk, and community concerns. Such recommendation would be contingent on the subsequent enforcement of ‘no camping’ restrictions in all areas of the Sepulveda Basin and clean-up and restoration of the areas damaged by encampments. Further support would be contingent on assurance of provision of all supportive services and security at such a facility.
- E. WEST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD HOMELESSNESS ALLIANCE:** The Encino Neighborhood Council is a participating member in the West Valley Neighborhood Homelessness Alliance (WVNAH). WVNAH has hosted informational forums on homelessness in the west San Fernando Valley, and what is being done about it. The WVNAH will host a forum on June 1, 2019 at One Generation in Reseda, which adjoins our territory. **HOM-19-03-0005** The Encino Neighborhood Homelessness committee requests that the Board share the cost of refreshments for the June 1, 2019 forum in an amount not to exceed \$200.
- F. DEDICATED LOS ANGELES RECREATION & PARKS RANGERS IN THE SOUTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY:** Currently Los Angeles Recreation & Parks rangers are stationed only at Hansen Dam to serve the entire San Fernando Valley. Because a significant portion of the Rangers’ time is spent dealing with homelessness issues, a consistent presence in the Sepulveda Basin and other south valley areas would benefit the community as a whole. **HOM-19-03-0006:** The Encino Neighborhood Homelessness Committee requests that the Board support creation of a Los Angeles Recreation & Parks ranger station located in the Sepulveda Basin.



**5. Future Homelessness Projects/Events:**

- A. Future Homelessness Connect Day – with CD 5 Councilmember Koretz and Assemblymember Gabriel, the Mayor’s office, Supervisor Keuhl tentatively .
- B. West Valley Alliance on Homelessness Forums ( [www.wvnah.org](http://www.wvnah.org) ) These forums connect you with your local government officials and homeless service providers. Get information, offer your opinions, find out where you can help:
  - a. March 30, 2019 Chatsworth Charter High School, 10027 Lurline Avenue, Chatsworth, 1-3 pm
  - b. June 1, 2019 at One Generation Senior Center, 18255 Victory Blvd, Reseda, 1-3 pm
- C. San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center Exhibition “Street Scenes: Making the Homeless Count” featuring artwork and photography by our homeless neighbors, as well as an open juried exhibit.

**6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

Limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker; total time for all public comment is limited to 10 minutes. Public is asked to fill out a speaker card and hand it to the Committee Chair.

**7. Establish date of next Homelessness Committee Meeting**

**8. Adjournment by 8:30 pm**

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