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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2019

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Revised March 22, 2019

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Marge Brown, Nathan Freed, Saifuddin Mogri, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Guests: Dell Smulowitc and Bobbi Rubenstein from Women's Alliance LA, Carolyn Harris (arrived 6:45 PM)

Committee Co-Chair Thomas Booth called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was established.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: None

5. Homelessness Liaison Report: Currently there is no liaison. Thomas mentioned the liaisons are not meeting as frequently as they did in the past.

6. Public Comment: Dell Smulowitc explained the goals and efforts of the Women's Alliance LA to find solutions for reducing the problem of homelessness.

7. CIS on CF 15-1138-S40, Aligning Shelter Crisis Language: Thomas explained the intent of the motion is to have common language between Los Angeles City and California State agencies.

Yes – 4, No – 2, Abstain – 1      The Committee approved sending a CIS in support of CF 15-1138-S40. At the March Operations Committee meeting, Thomas will request an item be placed on the April Board Meeting agenda.

6. Public Comment: Carolyn Harris introduced herself as a member of the First Baptist Church of Woodland Hills. She wants to start a homelessness aid program at the church.

8. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness: The next informational fair is on March 30th from 1-3 PM at Chatsworth High School. Speakers include; California State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel or a representative from his office, Deputy LA Mayor Christina Miller, Dana Vanderford from LA County Supervisor Barger's office, Collin Crews from the Council District 12 office, and a representative from the LAPD homelessness response unit. A suggestion was made to invite California State Senator Henry Stern.

A second date for tours of the Winnetka Village Supportive housing facility has been added – March 30th at 10 AM.

8. 2019 Homeless Count: Olivia described the Homeless Count and thanked all who volunteered. The results will be available in June.

9. Safe Parking: No update.

10. Sister on the Street and Sunshine Club: Aida gave an update on efforts to collect toiletries in schools.

Committee Co-Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.