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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2019

Chaminade High School, West Hills, CA

Approved October 21, 2019

Those in attendance: Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Olivia Naturman, Marge Brown, Kian Gholibeik, Marie Javdani, Ann Mizrahi, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Co-chair Olivia Naturman called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was established. The minutes from the August meeting were not available.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

4. Chair Comments: Thomas reported John Lee, Councilmember for District 12, attended the last West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness (WVNAH) and will host the next meeting at his office in Chatsworth.
5. Homeless Liaison Report: Marie said that Mayor Garcetti is planning to have a hands-on workshop to develop solutions to the problem of homelessness. Marie plans to participate. Marie will also attend a meeting introducing the Mayor's census plan. The 2020 census count is important since California could potentially lose one seat in the US House of Representatives.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Meeting Location: Thomas discussed the possibility of moving the committee meeting location to the El Camino Charter High School North Campus. The facility is not available at this time, but the Committee can plan to move. Brad said this location may cause him to miss some meetings. A move would be contingent on the Government Relations Committee also moving.

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The Committee will plan to meet at the new location when it is available.

8. Positive Local Action: Aida distributed a Facebook post from July 10, 'Mary Kuebler is with Sandy Spears.' Ms.Kuebler hosts a community sandwich making effort called "Give Back Wednesday," at her home. The sandwiches are for the local homeless population. Aida suggested a certificate of appreciation for Ms. Kuebler. Aida suggested Pastor April Belt be considered for a second certificate of appreciation. Aida also suggested a certificate of appreciation be given to Karen Hanza, who experienced homelessness in the past and now runs 'Angel Hands,' an organization dedicated to helping homeless with pets.
9. Safe Parking: John Lee expressed support at the WVNAH meeting. The proposed city ordinance to allow safe parking locations at community colleges has been delayed one year. Olivia said funding has become a major hurdle for some already approved sites. Marge has called commercial RV parks but has only gotten negative feedback. One issue is most of them will not accept older RVs. Olivia plans to attend a class on navigating the safe parkin bureaucracy and application process.
10. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness: The Weekend to End Homelessness will be in the west SFV at ONEgeneration on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1.
11. Homelessness Report: Olivia distributed, '2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count – Youth Count Data Summary, Service Planning Area 2 – San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita Valley<sup>1</sup>.' Olivia discussed some of the key points in the data.
  - Citywide 2500 youths are experiencing homelessness
  - In SPA-2 LGBT issues are a major factor
  - 92% of youth have fragile social systems; 25% cite economic hardship, 20% health conditions, 16% system discharge

Committee Co-chair Oliva adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.