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**Public Health and  
Homelessness Committee  
Meeting Agenda**  
**Los Angeles Public Library**  
**22200 Ventura Boulevard**  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364  
Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00 P.M

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Aaron M Quantz, Chair  
Reina Cerros McCaughey, Co-Chair  
PHH Committee Members:  
Mark Schwartz, Gretchen Gesell, Christine Robinson

## **CALL TO ORDER AND COMMITTEE ROLL CALL:**

### **I. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- a. Public Safety
- b. City Council Representative
- c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

### **II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT -**

- a. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.  
Each speaker will be allowed 1 minute.
- b. Comments from the public for items on the Agenda.  
Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes

### **III. NEW BUSINESS -**

Discussion and Possible Action:

Approval of NPG for The Foundation for Pierce College -6201 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91371) See supporting documents.

Request of funds towards the Los Angeles Pierce College Foundation Basic Needs program. The program currently serves over 900 students. The Foundation provides students with direct food supplies, housing support, as well as other resources as needed by the individual student. The foundation is providing a store shopping experience for our students within the campus bodega. Students are treated with dignity and respect when shopping at the bodega. We are requesting a donation to the general fund for the benefit of the students in need.

Roll call vote:

Discussion and Possible Action:

Organize a board member volunteer day at New Friends Homeless Center. NFHC serves dinner on Friday evenings at the Woodland Hills United Methodist Church (5650 Shoup Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367). Pastor April Belt is the organizer. Board members will be invited to volunteer with dinner service for the night. (Gretchen Gesell)

Roll call vote:

Discussion and Possible Action:

Reach out to the Woodlands organization and invite them to our next committee meeting to discuss and explore future joint events within the community. -(Gretchen Gesell)

Roll call vote:

Discussion and possible action:

Call for Volunteers to the Free Farmer's market. Ourstoryis.com is a non profit organization providing organic fresh produce to those in need. Location: River of the Valley : 22103 Vanowen St, Canoga Park, CA 91303 Located in the parking lot, the last Saturday of every month. Next date is April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the church parking lot. (Reina Cerros McCaughey)

## Roll call vote

Discussion and possible action:

Council File: 23-0423 - City-Funded Homeless Shelter Sites / Bed Occupancy Data / Demographic Data / Eligibility Requirements / Services Offered / Intake / Referrals / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

During the COVID-19 emergency, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) provided daily occupancy reports for Project Roomkey sites to City partners. These reports were utilized to ensure that beds could be filled as quickly as possible and allowed City offices to monitor progress on Project Roomkey's demobilization as the program was ending. As the City continues to make investments in interim housing and shelter sites, City employees and the public have a continuing need to access and understand the availability of shelter beds. This information is key to promoting transparency within the shelter system, shining a light on what is currently an opaque placement process and clarifying distinctions between different sites in the City and how they are filled. Knowledge of shelter availability also promotes a more effective distribution of this vital, life-saving resource. Such information pertaining to:

- Demographic information about the population(s) the site is able to serve;
- Eligibility requirements for entry, such as whether a site accepts walk-ins;
- Whether services offered include assessment, referrals, housing matches, residence within a particular catchment area, etc.;
- Number and percentage of beds that are occupied;
- Number and percentage of beds that are offline, and the reason(s) they are offline;
- Number and percentage of beds that are available;
- Number of individuals referred to the site; and
- Number of intakes scheduled at the site for that day.

## Roll Call Vote

Discussion and possible action:

Council File 23-0429 - Holistic Investment Strategy / Permanent and Interim Housing / Projected Number and Cost

(Holistic, definition: Emphasizing the importance of the whole and the interdependence of its parts)

In recent years, the City of Los Angeles has pursued a variety of strategies in an effort to address homelessness, including significantly increasing our shelter and housing capacity. These have included the passage of Proposition HHH in 2017 to fund 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing (PSH), the "Roadmap" agreement the City and County reached in 2020 to bring online 6,700 new beds, including both PSH and interim housing, and the purchase of hundreds of units through the state funded Project Homekey. However, the current rate of investment in both permanent and interim housing still falls short of what is needed for us to actually meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness on our city streets. We ask that the City Council direct the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to report back in 30 days regarding a holistic investment strategy to create the permanent and interim housing needed to significantly reduce and ultimately end homelessness in the City of Los Angeles. The plan should include:

- Recommendations on the size of investment needed given the projected size of the population of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Los Angeles on a year by year basis;
- Recommendations on the housing typologies (permanent and interim) to target for

investment;

- Projection of the number of housing units generated by investment;
- Projection of additional outside dollars the City will need to leverage; and
- Identification of funding gaps.

Roll Call Vote

Discussion and possible action:

Council file 23-0426 - Affordable Housing / Multilingual Online System / Search and Application

The City of Los Angeles has increased its affordable housing supply in recent years, the majority of which has been produced through incentive-based programs like the State Density Bonus and Transit Oriented Communities Incentive programs. Yet, residents of Los Angeles who qualify for affordable housing do not currently have a comprehensive and straightforward means of finding and applying for this housing. On September 5, 2016, the City entered into a settlement agreement with the Independent Living Center of Southern California and other plaintiffs to bring the City into compliance with accessibility requirements for affordable housing. As a result of the settlement, the City created the Accessible Housing Program (AChP) to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to rent, use, and enjoy affordable housing that has received financial or other assistance from the City of Los Angeles (City) or the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles (CRA/LA). The Los Angeles Housing Department also launched its Affordable and Accessible Housing Registry (Registry) in large part due to this settlement.

The City Council instructs the Los Angeles Housing Department, with support from any other relevant departments, to report back within 45 days with recommendations and a proposed implementation timeline for creating a comprehensive, multilingual online system that would allow potential applicants to search for all available affordable housing in the City of Los Angeles and facilitate and simplify the ability of applicants to apply to such properties based on their needs, preferences, and qualifications. The system should include all covenanted affordable units, including privately financed units created through incentive-based programs. The report recommendations should include funding, personnel, contracts, and any other resources needed to accomplish this work.

Roll call vote

Discussion and possible action:

Council File 23-0302 - Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) / Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles / Housing Navigators / Case Managers / Extensions / Appeal Process

Through the American Rescue Plan Act, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) was allocated 3,365 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) to assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness or fleeing domestic violence/human trafficking with rental assistance.

The EHV Dashboard (<https://tinyurl.com/dashboardehv>) provides updates on leasing, issuance and unit utilization on voucher awards and funding by Public Housing Authorities, including HACLA, and as of March 15, 2023, 1,388 EHV participants have leased a unit, and there are 2,625 EHV participants with vouchers not yet leased. After September 30, 2023 EHV's will not be re-issued, and there is an urgency to assist individuals with EHV's with housing navigation and lease up.

Housing navigators and housing case managers assisting EHV participants often are only able to communicate with HACLA case managers via email and when HACLA case managers change, housing navigators/case managers assisting EHV participants have had to experience sending documents multiple times to different HACLA case managers, causing additional delays. Housing

navigators/case managers have experienced ambiguity and inconsistency in HACLA's process related to appealing or correcting decisions made and for requesting EHV extensions. Most importantly, housing navigators/case managers nor EHV participants are notified in advance of expiring EHV's or that EHV's have expired.

The City Council requests a HACLA to report within 15 days on improving communication between HACLA case managers and EHV participants and the housing navigators/case managers inclusive of addressing staff transition, a more responsive appeals process, updates on pending status, notification for expiring EHV's, and additional ways to contact HACLA staff

Roll call vote

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