



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE

OF THE MEETING OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 26, 2017, 12:30 PM

Monrovia Public Library – 321 S Myrtle Ave; Monrovia, CA

HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

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Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Homelessness Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Homelessness Committee are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM at Monrovia Public Library (321 S. Myrtle, Monrovia, CA 91016).* The Meeting agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvkog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (*If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments*)
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting (*It is anticipated the Committee may take action*)

CONSENT CALENDAR

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

5. Homelessness Meeting Minutes - Page 1
Recommended Action: Approve.
6. Correspondence - Page 3
Recommended Action: Receive and File.

PRESENTATIONS

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

7. LAHSA Homeless Count Data Analysis Review – Lorin Kinney, Senior Data Analyst - Page 7
Recommended Action: For information only.
8. Family Promise – Matt Rayburn, Executive Director - Page 11
Recommended Action: For information only.

ACTION ITEMS

(It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

9. Measure H Planning Grant Applications – Christian Cruz, SGVCOG
Recommended Action: For information only.

UPDATE ITEMS

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

Regional Homeless Advisory Council

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Unapproved Minutes

Date: July 27, 2017

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Monrovia Community Center (119. W Palm Ave; Monrovia, CA)

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 12:39 PM

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Baldwin Park	C. Baca
Claremont	J. Lyons
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Rosemead	M. Clark
Pomona	B. DeFrank
LA County District 1	R. Barbosa

Absent

Covina
Pasadena
San Gabriel
West Covina
Water Districts

COG Staff

C. Cruz, Staff

3. Public Comment
No public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting
There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Homelessness Meeting Minutes
6. Correspondence
There was a motion to approve consent calendar Items 5-6 (M/S: R. Barbosa/ C. Baca)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Baldwin Park, Claremont, Monrovia, Rosemead, Pomona, LA County District 1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Covina, San Gabriel, West Covina, Water Districts, Pasadena

PRESENTATIONS

7. First Responders Homeless Training
Lt. Geoffrey Deedrick presented on this item.
8. SB 2 Best Practice Guide to Address Homelessness
David Howden presented on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

(It is anticipated that the Committee may take action on the following matters)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

UPDATE ITEMS

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

**Measure H Funding and Implementation
Regional Homeless Advisory Council**

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

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ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Column The mystery homeless woman of Pacific Palisades and the village that helped her home



Volunteers and police step in and rescue a mentally ill woman from the Pacific Palisades bluffs.



By **Steve Lopez**

JULY 29, 2017, 10:00 AM

She became a fixture in Pacific Palisades, strolling aimlessly through the village for hours each day, a visible yet distant presence in the affluent seaside community.

No one could talk to her. She made snorting sounds at anyone who tried. She punched at the air, contorted her body and remained sealed in her cocoon, eyes hidden behind dark shades.

Some locals referred to her as Pretty Blonde.

When you think of homelessness in Los Angeles, skid row comes to mind along with Venice and Santa Monica, among other places. But the Palisades has its own issue. At one point not long ago, 200 homeless people lived in and around town. Nearly all of them have had some degree of mental illness, says LAPD officer Rusty Redican,

who works the homeless beat in the Palisades area. At one time, 15-20 of them camped in dense brush on the bluffs overlooking the beach — million-dollar views for people with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

A couple of years ago, local residents formed the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness. The goal, said Doug McCormick, one of the founders, was not to push people into neighboring communities. It was to link up with professional outreach workers and the police, and offer treatment and shelter to those in need.

The ‘Pretty Blonde’ of Pacific Palisades

Nancy Klopper, a Hollywood casting director whose dozens of credits include “Ray,” “Fantastic Four” and “Devil’s Advocate,” joined the cause early on, and she became particularly concerned about the woman who took daily walks through the village.

“She was so clearly ill,” says Klopper, who, with a trained eye, noticed that the woman’s facial bone structure made her look foreign, and possibly northern European. “Every day I would look at her and I would think, ‘She’s somebody’s daughter. Somewhere there’s a mother looking for her.’”

Not that the woman was the only homeless person withering away in the Palisades.

“When you can see and watch their physical decline, and you see them getting worse and it’s out of your control because they’re so resistant to help, it’s painful to watch,” said Klopper.

And yet Klopper and others have proved that helping people, even if they’re resistant at first, is not impossible.

When the village visitor known as Pretty Blonde was not wandering the streets, she was seen on the bluff between the village and the beach, living in one of two campsites. The slope is steep, and you have to be something of a trailblazer to carve your way through thick, thorny brush to make it to those sites. Officer Redican, who led me to those sites, said coyotes, snakes, and human predators make the area particularly dangerous, as does the high fire risk.

The woman was more obviously ill than others, said Redican, and he wanted to try to convince her to get help. But when he spotted her from the top of the bluff, she squirted out of her campsite and down to the PCH. When he approached from the bottom of the bluff, she scampered up the slope and out of sight.

‘Can I go now?’

The times he and his LAPD partner Jimmy Solimon did track her down, she flailed, panicked and resisted help. But Redican found an approach that sometimes worked.

“If I talked real low, she’d listen,” he said. Still, she routinely resisted offers of housing or treatment and would insist, “Can I go now?”

Redican didn't give up on her. Through her illness, he said, "There was a part of her that was lucid enough to know we were trying to help." But she would not voluntarily accept that help, and forced hospitalization requires a mental health evaluation team to determine that a person is gravely disabled, or unable to provide for basic needs such as food, clothing or shelter.

It's a tough standard to meet, and people are literally dying because of it. [As I've written before](#), thanks to a number of advocates, a movement is under way in Los Angeles to reinterpret the definition and help those who are obviously distressed, even if they refuse assistance.

In the case of this woman, months of hard work and tracking — by the LAPD, members of the Palisades task force and a social worker from The People Concern, a full-service nonprofit mental health agency — led to her hospitalization last fall. But to the dismay of everyone involved, she was soon released, without explanation, and returned to her old haunts.

"I'd say she was back out in about a day and a half," said Redican.

The mystery woman's identity, and a plan

Klopper, at that point, had learned Pretty Blonde's real name. She began scouring the internet, piecing together the woman's story.

She'd been an artist. She appeared to have a daughter. She had become estranged from family members.

Klopper's amateur sleuthing led her to possible relatives in Scandinavia, so she sent a message that began, "By any chance ..."

When she awoke the next morning, Klopper checked her computer and found this response:

"This is the best day of our history. We have been looking for our daughter for two years, and assumed she was dead."

Klopper learned the woman was in her 30s, had suffered with mental health issues since childhood, and had once been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. She had fled her country for Los Angeles, where she got married, had a daughter and was divorced as her illness grew worse. Klopper reached out to the ex-husband and to the woman he currently lives with, both of whom care for the daughter of Pretty Blonde.

The young girl knew little about her mother's illness or whereabouts, and refers to her father's partner — a family therapist and doctoral candidate in psychology — as her stepmother. I've withheld names and some details at the request of the family, which insists on privacy for the sake of the child.

Back in Scandinavia, getting help

In March, Redican, Klopper and others worked together again and managed to line things up for another psychiatric hospitalization. The parents flew from Scandinavia this past spring to be with their daughter during part of a five-week hospitalization. Their daughter's condition was much improved, and the parents insisted on taking Klopper, Redican and others to a thank-you lunch, where they presented gifts to them. The parents then took their daughter home to Scandinavia, where she has been in treatment.

On Thursday, I went with Klopper and officers Redican and Solimon to one of the campsites where the woman lived, and some of her belongings were still there. Blankets, a towel, sneakers, packets of herbal peppermint tea.

It's hard to accept that in a state with such riches, there are so many tens of thousands of homeless people, and so many barriers to helping obviously afflicted people. But over the past 18 months in the Palisades, the efforts by volunteers, public and non-profit employees have led to a 40% decline in the homeless population, and few if any people are still living on the bluff, according to Redican.

Dozens have been steered to treatment, housing or both, and McCormick, one of the task force pioneers, hopes the Palisades project can become a model for other communities.

Klopper, Redican and others on the task force have moved on, meanwhile, reaching out to more of the lost souls who live in their midst.

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REPORT

DATE: October 26, 2017

TO: SGVCOG Homelessness Committee

FROM: Phil Hawkey, Executive Director

RE: LAHSA HOMELESS COUNT DATA ANALYSIS REVIEW

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Every January, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) conducts a point in time homeless count. The last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of January are the nights of the Count and SPAs are divided up among the nights. The count is conducted within each of the SPA's Census Tracts (CT's). CT's are fully enumerated, but if all CT's are not counted, then a sample of CT's is selected and an estimate is made for the remaining uncounted tracts. For the 2017 Count, LAHSA managed to count all 2,160 Census Tracts.

Regional Coordinators in the Planning Unit worked to recruit volunteers for their nights of the count, based in locations called Deployment Sites. Sites are spread out across the region to make it easy for volunteers to deploy out to sites quickly.

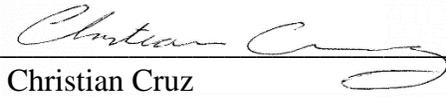
DATA COLLECTION

Data is collected by a Street Count Tally Sheet, which volunteers use to input data on the number of individuals, vehicles, and encampments identified in their area. In 2017, the sheets had the following categories:

- Individuals
- Unaccompanied Minors (Under 18)
- Transition Age Youth, ages 18-24
- 25 and Older
- Families
 - o Household
 - o Children
 - o 18-24
 - o 25 and Older
 - o Cars, Vans, Campers/RVs, Tents, and Make-Shift Shelters

Lorin Kinney, Senior Data Analyst at LAHSA will provide an overview of the data count and analysis

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Approved by:



Marisa Creter
Assistant Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – SPA 3 Count

Attachment B – SGV Cities Homelessness Numbers



2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count - Data Summary

Service Planning Area 3

Population	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	Prevalence of Homeless Pop. (%)	Percent Change 2016 - 2017
All Persons					
All Persons	1,179	2,373	3,552	100%	+36%
Household Composition					
Individuals <i>(Those not in family units)</i>	579	2,300	2,879	81%	+36%
Adults <i>(Over 24)</i>	451	2,244	2,695	76%	+37%
Transition Age Youth <i>(18-24)</i>	128	56	184	5%	+17%
Chronically Homeless	39	1,003	1,042	29%	+13%
Veterans	14	196	210	6%	+50%
Unaccompanied Minors <i>(Under 18)</i>	0	0	0	0%	
Family Members <i>(Those in family units)</i>	600	73	673	19%	+38%
Adult Family Members <i>(Over 24 Head of Household)</i>	584	69	653	18%	+38%
Young Family Members <i>(18-24 Head of Household)</i>	16	4	20	1%	+18%
Children in Families <i>(Under 18)</i>	372	31	403	11%	+37%
Chronically Homeless	0	15	15	0.4%	+7%
Veterans	2	0	2	0.1%	+0%
Veterans					
All Veterans	16	197	213	6%	+50%
Chronically Homeless Veterans	2	134	136	4%	+258%
Gender					
Male	710	1,841	2,551	72%	+44%
Female	468	509	977	28%	+17%
Transgender	1	14	15	0.4%	+150%
Does not identify as male, female, or transgender	0	8	8	0.2%	N/A ¹
Race/Ethnicity					
American Indian/ Alaska Native	9	153	162	5%	+286%
Asian	10	67	77	2%	+185%
Black/African American	346	306	652	18%	+86%
Hispanic/ Latino	601	1,184	1,785	50%	+56%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0%	-100%
White	197	644	841	24%	-15%
Multi-Racial/Other	15	20	35	1%	-35%
Age					
Under 18	372	31	403	11%	+37%
18 - 24	167	70	237	7%	+30%
25 - 54	485	1,632	2,117	60%	+49%
55 - 61	90	517	607	17%	+13%
62 and Over	65	123	188	5%	+6%
Chronically Homeless					
Individuals <i>(Those not in family units)</i>	39	1,003	1,042	29%	+13%
Family Members <i>(Those in family units)</i>	0	15	15	0.4%	+7%
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	39	1,018	1,057	30%	+13%

Health and Disability					
Health/Disability Indicator ²	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	Prevalence in Over 18 Homeless Pop. (%)	Percent Change 2016 - 2017
Substance Use Disorder	8	515	523	17%	-20%
Brain Injury	0	109	109	3%	-37%
HIV/AIDS	9	46	55	2%	+244%
Serious Mental Illness	90	802	892	28%	+12%
Developmental Disability	110	68	178	6%	+334%
Physical Disability	59	515	574	18%	-1%

Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence					
Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total	18 Homeless Pop. (%)	Percent Change 2016 - 2017
Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence Experience	104	743	847	27%	+57%

Notes:

- No data available to compare from 2016
- Health/Disability indicators are not mutually exclusive (a person may report more than one). Numbers will not add up to 100%. The Service Planning Area 3 Data Summary excludes the Pasadena Continuum of Care.

Prepared by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (May 2017)
 Data from 2017 Greater Los Angeles Point-In-Time Count conducted in January, 2017. Visit <http://www.lahsa.org/homeless-count/> to view and download data.

**Los Angeles Housing Services Authority Releases January 2017
San Gabriel Valley City/Community Homeless Counts**

	Sheltered	Unsheltered	Total
Alhambra	14	75	89
Arcadia	0	14	14
Altadena	39	25	64
Avocado Heights	10	49	59
Azusa	0	143	143
Baldwin Park	0	143	143
Bradbury	0	0	0
Claremont	12	7	19
Covina	6	74	80
Diamond Bar	0	4	4
Duarte	0	33	33
East San Gabriel	13	12	25
El Monte	273	236	509
East Pasadena	0	17	17
Glendora	201	25	226
Hacienda Heights	0	47	47
Industry	0	152	152
Irwindale	0	50	50
La Puente	0	26	26
La Verne	0	11	11
Mayflower Village	0	11	11
Monrovia	0	39	39
Monterey Park	0	23	23
North El Monte	0	0	0
Pomona	487	390	877
Roland Heights	8	37	45
Rosemead	0	50	50
San Dimas	26	8	34
San Gabriel	0	9	9
San Marino	0	0	0
South El Monte	0	53	53
South San Jose Hills	0	10	10
South Pasadena	0	11	11
South San Gabriel	0	29	29
Temple City	0	23	23
Valinda	0	33	33
Vincent	0	4	4
Walnut	0	6	6
West Covina	0	158	158
West La Puente	0	29	29

REPORT

DATE: October 26, 2017
TO: SGVCOG Homelessness Committee
FROM: Phil Hawkey, Executive Director
RE: **FAMILY PROMISE**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

Established in 2011, Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley is a nonprofit organization addresses family homelessness in the local community. Family Promise collaborates with faith congregations, civic organizations, and individuals to offer homeless children and their families, temporary housing and other assistance.

Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley is one of 200 local affiliates of Family Promise - a national organization that serves more than 50,000 people in need each year and engages over 180,000 volunteers. Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley has had an 83% success rate in the number of families that have gained employment and a 80% success rate of families that have gone on to find permanent housing.

In addition to connecting families to resources, Family Promise of SGV has partnered with the Alhambra Unified School District to assist homeless students and their families in finding a way home. Recognizing that teachers and school counselors are often the first point of contact for students facing homelessness, Family Promise of SGV works with the District to help identify and assess these students and their families. A Housing Navigator then works with the families to assist them in obtaining housing as quickly as possible.

Matthew Rayburn, Executive Director of Family Promise SGV will present on this item.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Fact Sheet



Fact Sheet

Mission

To help homeless children by helping their families: to stay intact, to regain stable housing and to return to steady work, in the warm fold of a supportive, volunteer-driven community.

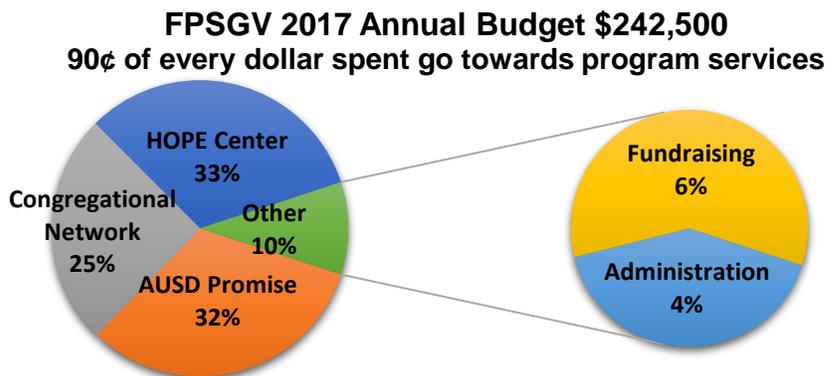
Number of bed nights since 2011: 16,206

Number of individuals served since 2011: 269

Number of children served: 153

Number of meals served: 48,618

83% success rate in the number of families that have gained employment and a 80% success rate of families that have gone on to find permanent housing.



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