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# **HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 - 7:00 PM**

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Committee Members: Luis Oliart – Chair (Stakeholder); Julie Houlihan (Board Member), Barbara Javitz (Stakeholder), Jeff Hartwick (Board Member, Corresponding Secretary), Savannah Jean Di Marco (Stakeholder), Sandy Wooding Kiley (Stakeholder), Marcia Campbell (Stakeholder), Randy Fried (President, ex-officio)

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call, Establish Quorum. 5 minutes
- 2. Approval of the Minutes
- 3. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction. 10 minutes
- 4. Update by the Chairman. 5 minutes
- 5. Corrinne Ho LAHSA, Community Relations Coordinator Census Count 2022
- 6. Update Logan Smith, Field Representative, Office of Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian
- 7. Abdu Brown Addictions Specialist accreditation Loyola Marymount University (Lived Experience)

8. Motion - The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) Homelessness Committee supports Council File: 21-1209 Title Volunteer Emergency Medical Corps Establishment / Preventative Medical Services / Non-Emergency Street Medical Services / Unhoused Residents. Given the large number of trained medical professionals in the area, it makes total sense to have the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Fire Department, be directed to report back to the City Council with recommendations on the establishment of a volunteer emergency medical corps for the City of Los Angeles, to provide medical services to persons experiencing homelessness. This will improve the quality of life for the unhoused, and reduce the number of 911 calls and emergency room visits where many homeless persons receive their primary medical care. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [21-1209]. <a href="https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1209">https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-1209</a>

This motion was referred to our committee by the public safety committee to consider as a joint motion.

We support this motion because it supports a program that was successful in Venice, all unhoused residents can benefit from health services, and it would save taxpayers on medical costs incurred for emergency transportation and basic medical care not requiring an emergency room visit.

**8.1 PUBLIC COMMENT** 

8.2 COMMITTEE COMMENT

9. Motion - The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) Homelessness Committee supports Council File: 21-1415 Naloxone Training and Distribution / Street-Based Services / Shelter Sites / Drug Overdose / People Experiencing Homelessness / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. The motion has three parts. It would direct LAHSA to identify to report all agency staff and contracted providers who have received naloxone training and distribution and identify opportunities to expand these services; 2) direct the Chief Legislative Officer to do the same for city departments; and 3) direct the Chief Legislative Office to identify any current and future 2021-2025 years County, State, and Federal legislation for the City Council to consider taking an official position that would address areas around funding and access to drug treatment, medical training, and Recovery Bridge Housing. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [21-1415].

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Since 2017, drug overdose has been the leading cause of death for the homeless population, who are 36 times more likely to die of overdose than people in the general Los Angeles population. The highest percentage of deaths are due to methamphetamine, but since 2020 deaths there is a rise in deaths involving fentanyl and a sharp increase in the deaths overall. Naloxone is a proven method of saving lives and we support training and availability. Furthermore, we must address access to drug treatment and rehabilitation programs as the next step to recovery.

9.1 PUBLIC COMMENT

9.2 COMMITTEE COMMENT

10. Motion - The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) Homelessness Committee supports Council File: 20-0769-S2 County of Los Angeles / Health, Mental Health, and Social Services Delivery / Unsheltered Residents / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority / Los Angeles City Health Commission

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on the findings in CF: 20-0769-S2, including a review of the LA City contractual relationship with LA County for the delivery of health care services, detailed in contract C-32683 (as amended), with specific recommendations for the City to improve the delivery of healthcare services to all Angelenos, starting first with people experiencing homelessness. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [20-0769-S2].

For 60 years, LA County has provided all public health and mental services for LA City. Two-thirds of the county's homeless population live in Los Angeles, and a study in October 2020 showed deficiencies in services and ability to communicate the city's needs. Today, the delivery of health services is visibly insufficient, especially in relation to the neglect of people experiencing homelessness. Now is the time for Council to amend the original instruction in CF: 20-0769-S2, and zero in on mental health and substance abuse issues that go untreated in encampments across the city. (Note: a previous lawsuit by the City against the County in the 1990's resulted in the formation of LAHSA.)

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10.1 PUBLIC COMMENT 10.2 COMMITTEE COMMENT

11. Motion - The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) Homelessness Committee supports Council File: 21-1340 Project Roomkey / Interim Non-Congregate Shelters / 100 Percent Reimbursement / Executive Action / FEMA / Master Leasing / Hotels and Motels / Vacant Apartment Units / COVID-19 Pandemic / The motion will renew and expand Project Roomkey through April 2022, taking advantage of the Federal extension for reimbursement funding through the CARES ACT. The motion further recommends that the Chief Legislative Officer and LAHSA to consult with members of the unhoused community and service providers and report back on ways in which Project Roomkey operations could be improved and made more successful. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [21-1340]. https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0215

I have personal outreach experience with Project Room Key here in Studio City during August 2020 through the present. I helped transport unhoused people from our local streets and encampments to Project Room Key in Studio City. There was a percentage of the people I witnessed that didn't succeed through the program and were back on our local streets for a variety of reasons. The majority of the approximately 30 people that I personally transported were able to get housing and into recovery programs. Meaning the program was effective in helping people. I continue to do general outreach weekly on our local streets and see most of the people getting housed have been through the Room Key program in other areas and our local Tiny Home programs. The outreach workers from LAFH endorse the program because it helps them quickly get people the help they need into structure to provide services, stability and eventually sustainability.

- 11.1 PUBLIC COMMENT
- 11.2 COMMITTEE COMMENT
- 12. Motion to Adjourn

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