



**SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes**

Date: September 1, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

**Members Present**

A. Verlato, Arcadia  
Y. Esparza, Baldwin Park  
J. Leano, Claremont  
J. Schulz, Duarte  
K. Davis, Glendora  
M. Ortiz, Irwindale  
B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
W. Huang, Pasadena  
M. Clark, Rosemead  
R. Salas, South El Monte  
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena  
J. Santana, Upper District  
F. Briones, LA County Dist. 1

**Members Absent**

Azusa  
Pomona  
West Covina

**Guests**

E. Ben-Ishai, Homeless Initiative  
P. De Lara, LAHSA  
W. Lehman, LAHSA

**SGVCOG Staff**

M. Creter  
S. Matthews  
C. Sims  
T. Lott  
V. Urenia  
S. Pedersen

4. Public Comment  
No request for public comment
5. Changes to Agenda Order: There are no changes to the agenda order.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 08/11/21  
*Recommended Action: Approve.*

7. SGVCOG Housing and Homelessness Report Summer 2021

*Recommended Action: Receive and file.*

The Committee discussed the status of the SGVCOG's Crisis Response Study and the availability of Mental Health Urgent Care Centers. There was a request for a tour of a facility.

**There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6 and 7 M/S: (K. Davis/J. Leano)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Arcadia; Claremont; Glendora; Irwindale; Monrovia; Pasadena; South El Monte; South Pasadena; Upper District
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Azusa; Pomona; West Covina

**PRESENTATIONS**

8. 2021 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Shelter Count

SPA 3 Community Relations Coordinator at LAHSA, P. De Lara, provided information on this year's Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Shelter Count updates. The annual HIC and Shelter Count were heavily influenced by COVID-19's effects on the housing system. There needs to be more informed investments in shelter to reflect the needs of people experiencing homelessness. There also needs to be a significant increase in housing supply to successfully balance the system.

9. Project Roomkey and Homekey Updates

LA County Homeless Initiative (HI) Principal Analyst, E. Ben-Ishai, explained that over the last year, Project Roomkey (PRK) sites have been gradually closing, with participants being exited to other locations. All San Gabriel Valley sites are closed. The presentation transitioned to Project Homekey (PHK) updates as the sites will be turned into permanent supportive housing sites in mid-2022. After the transition is complete, the 10 LA County sites will house an estimated 850 individuals experiencing homelessness. An additional round of PHK funding from the state is expected to further increase supply of interim and permanent housing in Los Angeles County. LAHSA Associate Director, W. Lehman, provided additional Project Roomkey updates. Within the San Gabriel Valley area specifically, 1080 COVID-19 vulnerable individuals have been served in PRK and of those, 296, or 27%, have been moved into permanent housing. W. Lehman emphasized that LAHSA, the city and the county have focused on ensuring that all PRK participants connect to a permanent housing resource as their exit strategy from PRK and the homeless system. Committee members discussed the availability of shelter inventory in SPA-3, winter shelters, staffing vacancies, and the benefits of partnering with the County on PRK projects.

## UPDATE ITEM

10. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness  
SGVCOG Management Analyst, S. Matthews, provided updates regarding the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness. On August 10, the Board of Supervisors approved the appointees to the Blue-Ribbon Commission. This includes two Council of Governments representatives, our President and Committee Chair, Becky Shevlin, and Redondo Beach Councilmember, Christian Horvath. They will begin meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and will continue meeting twice monthly, for six months. President, B. Shevlin added that she will provide updates at future Homelessness Committee meetings.
11. Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates  
S. Matthews provided the Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates. SB 15 has become a 2-year bill. SB 679 is still a 2-year bill but has had significant amendments. Our stance on SB 679 has not changed. AB 816 is still moving through legislature. AB 1220 is still moving through legislature. AB 1331 is moving through legislature and has been scheduled for a senate appropriations committee hearing.
12. LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.  
No current updates. D. Urbina, Homeless Deputy from SD 1 commented that the August 26 hearing was postponed.

## LIAISON REPORTS

13. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust  
J. Leano shared that on September 8 the SGVRHT governing board will be meeting to vote on funding allocation.
14. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
15. LA County Homeless Initiative
16. United Way Everyone In
17. Union Station Homeless Services
18. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Liaison reports from San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, LA County Homeless Initiative, and LAHSA were included in the agenda packet.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair B. Shevlin, in addition to M. Creter and C. Sims met with representatives from Azusa, Irwindale, and Duarte. They meet monthly to discuss challenges with the riverbed. B. Shevlin discussed also meeting with the mayor of Baldwin Park, highlighting the importance partnerships and regional coordination with and between agencies to tackle the issue of homelessness.

H.M. Ortiz made a verbal comment thanking president, B. Shevlin for her support and

emphasized the need for riverbed solutions.

S. Matthews provided the link for San Gabriel Valley Landlord incentives program ([Landlordincentives.org](http://Landlordincentives.org)).

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned in honor of the tragic passing of Azusa City Councilman, Uriel Macias. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.