



TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, May 13, 2021

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Special Online Zoom Meeting

<https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/97421221373>

AGENDA

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND LOCAL ORDER RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, THE CITY IS NOT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS. TO FIND OUT HOW YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE REFER TO AGENDA ITEM 4.

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Statements/Comments

This is the time allotted for public statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Task Force on Homelessness. The following information is provided to help you understand, follow, and participate in the Task Force on Homelessness meeting:

NEW COMMENT PROCEDURE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the Task Force on Homelessness in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items.

The following options allow for public participation:

- a. Watch the Task Force Meeting live online at Zoom
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Webinar ID: 974 2122 1373

- b. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please sign-on via this Zoom link (<https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/97421221373>) and use the raise hand function when this agenda item is called. If you wish to make a public comment, you must be signed into the meeting and available at the time this agenda item is called.
 - c. Or, if you are unable to sign-on to Zoom and wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the Task Force on Homelessness meeting to enviroservices@simivalley.org and include the Agenda Item topic and/or your comments. These emails will be provided to the Task Force on Homelessness board prior to the start of the meeting and made a part of the record.
5. Continued Business: None
6. Informational Presentations: None
7. New Business
 - a. Selection of a November Meeting Date
 - b. Review and Discussion of Data to be included in the City's Annual Snapshot of Housing and Program Activities serving Vulnerable Populations
8. Task Force Member Comments

This is the time allotted for Task Force member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Task Force on Homelessness, to request a future agenda item, or to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.
9. Task Force on Homelessness Coordinator's Report
10. Adjournment: Thursday, August 12, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

/s/
Mara Malch
Deputy Environmental Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact Jennifer Del Toro, Management Analyst at (805) 583-6759. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS
DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Council Member Judge called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m. Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director, noted that a quorum was present. The attendance detail is available on the last page of the minutes.

2. Agenda Review

Item 5.a. Continued Business: Discussion of Task Force Goal Setting Process and Possible Adoption of Goals was moved to immediately follow Item 7.a. Overview of the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Input on the Housing Element Update. The agenda was accepted as modified.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Luevanos and seconded by Council Member Judge to approve the November 20, 2020 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 10 in favor and three abstentions.

4. Public Statements/Comments: None.

6. Informational Presentations

a. Overview of and Update on the Safe Park Pilot Program

Samantha Argabrite, Deputy City Manager and Dan Jaeger, Executive Director of The Samaritan Center provided an overview and update of the Safe Park Pilot Program. The program was launched on December 23, 2020, however, the first participant began a month after the initial launch. There are currently two participants in the program. There have been a few barriers for potential participants including providing proof of current car registration and insurance. The Samaritan Center will conduct additional outreach through the faith-based community in an effort to identify additional participants. The pilot program is scheduled to end on March 31, 2021. Staff will reevaluate the need for the program in line with the current pandemic and programs being offered such as Project Roomkey.

7. New Business

a. Overview of the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment and Input on the Housing Element Update

Stratis Perros, Director of Environmental Services and Consultant, Veronica Tam, Veronica Tam and Associates, provided an overview of the Housing Element Update process, the various components of the Housing Element, and demographic information related to the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). As a remedy to the State of California's housing needs and demands, it mandates that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and future housing needs of the community in all economic levels through the assignment of housing development goals by way of the RHNA and implementation of those goals through the adoption of Housing Elements. The Housing Element is updated every eight years and serves as the City's guide to identify citywide housing conditions and needs, establishes the goals, objectives, and policies that are the foundation of the City's housing strategy, and provides an array of programs to create vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods across the City. The Task Force was provided the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations; however, the presentation concluded without a formal recommendation of the Task Force.

5. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Task Force Goal Setting Process and Possible Adoption of Goals

Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director, facilitated the discussion of the goal setting process and possible goals. The Task Force discussion centered on the desire for the City to work with prospective property owners as additional Project Homekey funding becomes available to identify projects that are compatible with the community needs and interests. City staff routinely provides information to property owners interested in developing their properties and City-based technical assistance. At conclusion of the discussion Council Member Luevanos made a motion to recommend that the City Council pursue options for participating in future rounds of Project Homekey. The motion was seconded by Susan White Wood and passed unanimously.

8. Task Force Member Comments: None.

9. Task Force on Homelessness Coordinator's Report

Mara Malch announced that April Rosser is no longer with the City. The City is currently in the recruitment process to fill the position.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, May 13, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Organization	Representative	Attendance
Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura	Linda Fisher-Helton	P
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce	John Tolson	P
City Council	Council Member Mike Judge	P
City Council	Council Member Ruth Luevanos	P
Ventura County Health Care Agency	Susan White Wood	*P
Ventura County Ventura Human Services Agency	Jillian Fleming	P
Ventura County Supervisor Bob Huber Office	Joel Angeles	A
State Senator or Assembly Member	Nicholas Gaines	A
Simi Valley Unified School District	Trustee Sofya Bagdasaryan	P
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	Theresa Pennington	P
Resource Coordination Representative	Rick Schroeder Many Mansions	P
Resource Coordination Representative	Dan Jaeger The Samaritan Center	P
Resource Coordination Representative	Gustavo Almarosa Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation	P
Attendance Key: P = Present A = Absent * = Arrived after Approval of the Minutes		

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2021

TO: Task Force on Homelessness

FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF A NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

The Task Force on Homelessness meets quarterly on the second Thursday of the month, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The November 2021 meeting date conflicts with the observance of the Veteran's Day holiday.

As such, staff is asking the Task Force to select an alternate meeting date. Staff recommends Thursday, November 4, 2021 or Thursday, November 18, 2021, to minimize any potential conflicts with other standing meetings that Task Force members may have on other days of the week.

Prepared by: Jennifer, Del Toro, Management Analyst

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2021

TO: Task Force on Homelessness

FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director

SUBJECT: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DATA TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S ANNUAL SNAPSHOT OF HOUSING AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

As a follow up to the Task Force's discussion on the City's Housing Element Update and Regional Housing Needs Assessment, staff has pulled together data on housing and program activities serving vulnerable populations within the City along with community demographic information from the United States Census Bureau.

The intent of the snapshot is to communicate key program and housing information to the Task Force on an annual basis. The information will help guide future discussions and identifying service and/or program goals within the City's purview.

Please see the attached draft snapshot for the Task Force's review and discussion. Please note that the data fields are intentionally blank. The intent is to aggregate the information after the close of the fiscal year consisting with other reporting deadlines. It is the goal to have the snapshot presented to the Task Force in February each year.

Prepared by: Jennifer Del Toro, Management Analyst

Attachment

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

ANNUAL SNAPSHOT OF HOUSING AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS FY 2020-21

Total Population
Median Age
65 years and over
Living alone
Median Household Income
Median Nonfamily Income



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Number of Households
Average Household Size
Total Number of Housing Units
Total Number of Jobs
Number of New Jobs in 12 months (+...)



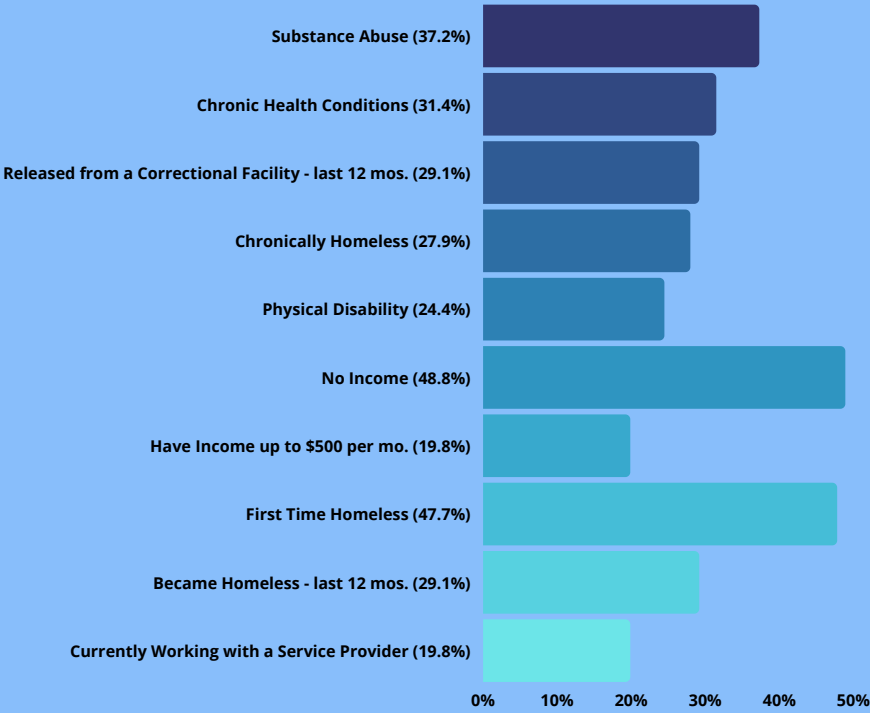
Data from American Community Survey, the Census Bureau

2020 HOMELESS COUNT

	COUNTY	SIMI VALLEY
SHELTERED	478	12
UNSHELTERED	1,265	150



86 OF THE **150** INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATED IN A SURVEY WHICH REVEALED INDIVIDUALS HAVE/HAD:



- Simi Valley has the third largest population of homeless (9.3%), following the Cities of Oxnard (32.5%) and Ventura (30.5%)
- 10.4% of the chronically homeless population resides in Simi Valley (third highest population)

SUMMARY OF CITY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
Budget Information and Nos. Served
- **CDBG-CV**
Budget information and Nos. Served
- **Community Projects Grant**
Budget Information and Nos. Served
- **Housing Successor Agency**
Budget Information and Nos. Served
- **Safe Park**
Budget Information and Nos. Served
- **SB 2 Rental Assistance**
Budget Information and Nos. Served
- **Senior Rental Assistance**
Budget Information and Nos. Served
- **Developer Loans for Affordable and Senior Housing**
Budget Information and Nos. Served

HOMELESS PREVENTION & RENTAL ASSISTANCE



- No. of households served -
- No. of households with minor children -
- No. of individuals served -
- % of households remaining housed
 - 3 mos. -
 - 6 mos. -
- % of households that received case management -

OVERVIEW OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL UNITS



- **Total No. of Affordable Rental Units -**
 - No. of Non-Age Restricted Units -
 - No. of Senior Units -
 - No. of Moderate-Income ADUs -
 - No. of Mobile Home Units -
- **No. of New Affordable Rental Units Approved -**
- **No. of New Affordable Rental Units Constructed -**
- **% of Affordable Unit Turnover (New Tenants) -**
- **No. of Housing Choice Vouchers In-Use -**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

- **Home Rehabilitation**
 - No. of Active Projects -
 - No. of Applications Received -
 - No. of Applications Approved -
 - No. of New Projects in Process -
 - No. of Projects Completed -

- **Affordable Housing Ownership (Non-Age Restricted)**

- No. of Active Units -
- No. of Affordable Senior Ownership Units Approved -
- No. of Affordable Senior Ownership Units Constructed -
- % of Turnover -

- **Affordable Senior Housing Ownership**

- No. of Active Units -
 - No. of Affordable Senior Ownership Units Approved -
 - No. of Affordable Senior Ownership Units Constructed -
 - % of Turnover -
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ENROLLMENT IN VARIOUS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS/FIXED INCOME



- No. of Individuals Receiving Retirement Income -
 - Mean Income -
- No. of Individuals Receiving Social Security Income -
 - Mean Income -
- No. of Individuals Receiving Supplemental Security Income -
 - Mean Income -
- No. of Individuals Receiving Cash Public Assistance Income -
- No. of Individuals Receiving CalFresh Benefits in the Past 23 mos.

- **Total No. of Individuals in the Senior Nutrition Program -**

- No. of Individuals in the Congregate Program -
- No. of Individuals in the Meals on Wheels Program -
- No. of Individuals in the Senior Share Food Pantry Program -