



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, November 10, 2022

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Special Zoom Online Meeting

<https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/85044156131>

AGENDA

DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC, PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS WILL BE VIRTUAL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. 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:
<https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/85044156131>
Or listen by telephone: (669) 444-9171 or (253) 215-8782
Webinar ID: 850 4415 6131
- 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/85044156131> 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
 - a. Overview of Dignity Moves Projects and Partnership Opportunities
7. New Business:
 - a. Discussion of Recommending a Change to the Task Force on Homelessness Name
 - b. Discussion of Meeting Times and Dates for 2023
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, February 9, 2023, 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 Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director at (805) 583-6758. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Council Member Judge called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Jennifer Del Toro, Management Analyst, noted that a quorum was present. The attendance detail is available on the last page of the minutes.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was accepted as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Luevanos and seconded by John Tolson to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Statements/Comments: None

5. Continued Business: None

6. Informational Presentations

a. Ventura County Project Roomkey Transition Plan

Jennifer Harkey, Program Administrator for the County of Ventura's Chief Executive Office and the Ventura County Continuum of Care provided an overview of the Project Roomkey (PRK) Transition Plan. The County has sheltered over 730 homeless individuals in PRK. A total of 320 remain in the program. Case managers have assisted 133 with exits to permanent housing. PRK will end if FEMA terminates funding or if the County exhausts its available funds by early 2023. County supports the expansion of shelters and Permanent Supportive Housing and is working with partner agencies as opportunities arise. Council Member Luevanos shared that she was previously aware of a hotel owner within the City that was interested in participating in Project Roomkey and asked who the best contact is for future interest. Jennifer Harkey expressed to send those interested her way.

b. The Samaritan Center of Simi Valley Update

Annika Sumbly, Executive Director for the Samaritan Center of Simi Valley provided an overview of services provided to the community and current needs. Services include meals, pantry items, showers, laundry services, clothing items, case management services, and the Winter Overnight Shelter (PADS) program. Council Member Judge encouraged the Samaritan Center to contact City staff for

funding opportunities through COVID-19 relief funds for some of the expressed needs.

7. Task Force Member Comments

John Tolson, from the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, shared the Chamber in collaboration with the City of Simi Valley is hosting a Job Fair on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 with over 100 employers expected to be in attendance.

Council Member Luevanos requested two items for the November Task Force meeting: a discussion to consider the renaming of the Task Force to reflect the unhoused and an overview of the Dignity Moves project in Santa Barbara.

Council Member Luevanos expressed participation barriers with the City's Safe Park program and requested feedback if the City should consider reinstating the program. Jennifer Harkey shared additional information regarding the City of Ventura's Safe Park program with similar participation requirements including all vehicles must have current registration. Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director, added that the Task Force were previously provided an update on the Safe Park program and received a joint recommendation from City staff and the Samaritan Center of Simi Valley to not reinstate the pilot program.

8. Task Force on Homelessness Coordinator's Report

Jennifer Del Toro, Management Analyst, announced that the Annual Snapshot for Fiscal Year 2020-21 focused on housing and various programs for vulnerable populations has been updated on the City's Task Force on Homelessness webpage.

9. Adjournment: Thursday, November 10, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Organization	Representative	Attendance
Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura	Linda Fisher-Helton	A
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 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	A
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District	Theresa Pennington	P
Resource Coordination Representative	Rick Schroeder Many Mansions	A
Resource Coordination Representative	Annika Sumbly <i>The Samaritan Center</i>	P
Resource Coordination Representative	Jennifer Harkey <i>County of Ventura</i>	P
Attendance Key: P = Present A = Absent * = Arrived after Approval of the Minutes		

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2022

TO: Task Force on Homelessness

FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDING A CHANGE TO THE TASK FORCE ON HOMELESSNESS NAME

At its August meeting, it was the consensus of the Task Force to discuss its name and possibly recommend a change to the City Council. The issue was raised that since its formation in 1999, the language used to describe the issue of homelessness and identify individuals at risk of or experiencing housing instability has evolved.

At the conclusion of the discussion, should a recommendation be made it will be forwarded to the City Council for its consideration.

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2022

TO: Task Force on Homelessness

FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Environmental Services Director

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF MEETING TIMES AND DATES FOR 2023

As the State's COVID-19 emergency is set to conclude in February 2023, it is anticipated that the Task Force on Homelessness will return to in person meetings at that time. As the Task Force is comprised of representatives with worksites throughout the County, City staff wanted to poll the members on the existing meeting dates/times and see if any modifications would be needed to best accommodate members.

Below are the quarterly meeting dates and times per the current meeting schedule. If you would like to have a change, please come prepared with your recommended dates/times to discuss with the Task Force. Meetings will be held in person at the Simi Valley Public Library Community Room, located at 2969 Tapo Canyon Road or at the City Hall Community Room, located at 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, based upon room availability.

Task Force on Homelessness

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 11, 2023, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 10, 2023, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 9, 2023, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.