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**Van Nuys  
Neighborhood Council**



**Human Services  
Committee**

**MEETING NOTES**

**WEDNESDAY,  
April 7, 2021**



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**1. Roll Call/Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance;

Attendance: Thela T., Kathy S., Richard M. [Gwen & Rigüey absent]

*Public Comment*

**2. Opening Comments from Chairperson Thela T.** – reminded everyone that the purpose of the HSC is to focus on issues affecting Van Nuys the goals are around homelessness and mental wellness.

*Public Comment*

**3. Reports from Public Officials/ Departments/ Community Agencies-**

- *Alexandria Naseef, CD4* – update on emergency rental assistance programs accepting applications through April 30. Can reach out [Alexandria.Naseef@lacity.org](mailto:Alexandria.Naseef@lacity.org) for more info.
- *Yvonne Perez & Marcos Sanchez, Nury Martinez Office* – Vaccination updates. CD6 updates on where to receive vaccines. Finalizing Project Home Key site at Valley Haven site. Working with LAHSA and the provider will be Homes For All and will have approx. 150 beds.

*Public Comment*

**4. Approve minutes of Feb 3 & March 3 Meetings** *Postponed until next meeting due to absence of Secretary. No vote or action taken.*

*Public Comment*

5. **Special Guest Marco Santana, Director of Engagement & Regional Coordination – LA Family Housing** - Marco Santana introduced himself and the services LA Family Housing. Encouraged neighbors to call 211 if there are questions or issues involving the homeless. Shared that they are taking families in to provide support. Has a rental arrears program.  
*No vote or action taken.*  
*Public Comment*
6. **Discussion of application from Hope of the Valley for a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) of \$5,000 to help residents of a Bridge Home in Van Nuys to improve their readiness to transition to permanent housing. Committee may vote to forward a recommendation to the General Board regarding funding of this application.** Chair shared and read the NPG to the committee and neighbors. Bernice Saavedra shared in a detailed list of the proposed spending that shared basic needs for clients that our outside of the spending that they typically do not receive to assist the homeless clients in Van Nuys.  
*Public Comment*  
Motion By: Kathy S. | 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion By: Richard M. Took a roll call vote and Motion passed unanimously. *Passed and moved to the General Board Meeting.*
7. **Discussion & update on discussion on Bulletin Board Service (BBS) Proposal –** Richard Marks provided an update that he has been talking to Councilperson Nithya Raman’s office regarding the registry and the goal is to create a CIS in the near future. Chair confirms that we will continue to follow the proposal. No additional questions from the committee. Alex Naseef clarified that a rental registry is something that the Councilperson campaigned on.  
*No vote or action taken.*  
*Public Comment.*
8. **Discussion & update on discussion of potential CIS statements:**
- *CIS on Single Payer (presentation from Suju Vijayan) – Motion to submit a CIS statement a single payer CIS for the General Board meeting.*  
Motion By: Thela T.. | 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion By: Richard M. Motion passed unanimously.  
*Passed and moved to the General Board Meeting.*
  - *Amendment to L.A. Municipal Codes 41.18 and 56.11 – Thela Thatch*  
Motion By: Thela T. | 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion By: Richard M. *Kathy voted against. Motion passed with 2 votes out of 3 and goes to the General Board.*  
*Public Comment.*
9. **Announcements:** board members are invited to share events and information for the benefit of informing those in the room
10. **General Public Comment**
11. **Adjournment:**  
Motion By: Kathy S. | 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion By: Richard M. Motion passes unanimous