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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2022

Telephonic and Web Meeting
Approved October 28, 2022

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Kent Mariconda, Rosi Mariconda, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreibman (arrived 6:47

PM), Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Other Board Members Present: Alejandro Phillips

Guests: Miriam Schimmel

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM. A quorum was established.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Chair Comments: Aida discussed controversy concerning LAHSA.

Public Comment: None Numbers refer to agenda items.

6. Pursuing different ways and new ideas of helping our unhoused population: Kent spoke about a California State Law in the works to use abandoned schools for housing. Kent also asked how the committee can help unhoused individuals directly. Miriam asked about how to provide more availability of services. Steve described the range of issues involved with homelessness and why many different solutions are needed for different circumstances. Joan talked about homeless families. Alejandro asked if a statistical breakdown of causes of homelessness in West Hills is available. There was also considerable discussion and dissatisfaction over how Prop. HHH and other public funds to combat homelessness are being used.

Myrl Schreibman joined the meeting.

7. Holiday Dinner served to an unhoused group with the help of Council member John Lee and Olive and Fig Restaurant: Myrl described how this idea came about.

Steve moved to have a vote of support for the dinner event from the committee. Joan seconded. Aida Abkarians - Yes, Kian Gholibeik - Absent, Kent Mariconda - Yes, Rosi Mariconda - Yes, Saif Mogri - Absent, Steve Randall - Yes, Myrl Schreibman - Yes, Joan Trent - Yes, Brad Vanderhoof - Yes

Yes -7, No -0, Absent -2, Abstain -0, Recusal -0

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is on Monday November 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM.