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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Social Services & Homelessness Committee

Monday, December 16, 2019, 7:00 PM

Fire Station 82 Annex

1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028

Second Floor Conference Room

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Welcome

7:00 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Sheila Irani Erin Penner Adam Miller Matt Wait

Excused

Tom Meredith Julia Eschenasy

2. Approval of Minutes

Tabled: tabled

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

Asher from the Hollywood Food Coalition says they are looking to expand their services. He says that their goal is to get a permanent place in 2020.

4. Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board file a CIS opposing Council File 14-1057-S8 Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Section 85.02 / Safe Parking / Urgency Clause / Extension of Expiration Date

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2014/14-1057-s8_mot_11-26-2019.pdf

First: Blumenthal (CD 3) Second: O'Farrell (CD 13) Rodriguez (CD 7); Currently In: Homelessness and Poverty Committee; Last Action: 11/26/19

Summary: City Council requests the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to extend Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 85.02 for six months, and that the ordinance include an urgency clause.

Matt explains the Council File 14-1057-S8/Section 85.02. Adam says he was there when it was written and explains the funding behind safe parking. Matt thinks the CIS should be shelved until there is a new system in place.

Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in opposition to Council File 14-1057-S8

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-3, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Adam Miller Erin Penner Matt Wait

No

Sheila Irani

5. Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S185 Homeless Affordable Housing / Supportive Housing Units / California Environmental Quality Act / Exemption

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0002-s185_reso_11-15-2019.pdf

First: Ryu (CD 4) Second: Buscaino (CD 15) Harris-Dawson (CD 8); Currently In: Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee; Last Action: 11/15/19

Summary: The City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-20 State Legislative Program to SEEK/SPONSOR or SUPPORT legislation that would exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act all housing developments with 50 percent or more units set aside for homeless housing, as well as housing developments with 100 percent affordable or supportive housing units in the City of Los Angeles.

Matt explains Council File 19-0002 S185 involving Homeless Affordable Housing/Supportive Housing Units.

Matt makes motion to support, Adam seconds. All in favor.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S185

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Adam Miller Erin Penner Matt Wait Sheila Irani

6. Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S153 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) / Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) / Rule Change

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0002-s153_reso_08-14-2019.pdf First: Ryu (CD 4) Second: Wesson (CD 10);

Currently In: Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee; Last Action: 9/26/19

Summary: The City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to USDA's proposed rule change relating to broad-based eligibility for SNAP which would change the definition of "benefits" to mean ongoing and substantial benefits and restrict the non-cash assistance which would qualify recipients for categorical eligibility for SNAP to subsidized employment, work training, and child care.

Adam reads the Council File 19-0002-S153 in regards to Supplemental Nutritional Assistance program rule change and Matt explains it.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S153

Motion: Adam Miller **Second:** Matt Wait **Vote:** Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Adam Miller Erin Penner Matt Wait Sheila Irani

7. Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S186 Amazon Rainforest Deforestation / Multinational Corporations / Agricultural Products Purchasing Ban

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0002-S186_reso_11-15-2019.pdf

First: Koretz (CD 5) Ryu (CD 4) Second: Blumenfield (CD 3); Currently In: Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee; Last Action: 11/15/19. Summary: The City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State and Federal Legislative Programs SUPPORT for any legislation that would require clear labeling of any product sourced from the Amazon or any other rainforest.

Adam explains the Council File 19-0002-S186 regarding the Agricultural Purchasing Ban.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S186

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Adam Miller Erin Penner Matt Wait Sheila Irani

8. Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-0882 Provision at No Cost / Feminine Hygiene Products / All Restrooms at City-owned Facilities

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0882_mot_08-06-2019.pdf

First: Blumenfield (CD 3) Second: Rodriguez (CD 7);

Currently In: Information, Technology, and General Services Committee; Last Action: 12/11/19.

Summary: The City Council instructs the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of General Services to report on the feasibility and costs of providing feminine hygiene products at no cost at all restrooms in City-owned facilities and to identify any City facilities that currently offer free feminine hygiene products

Adam explains that we already passed this one and he'll send the BAC later.

9. Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board update the Homeless services guide for the winter

Matt states that we are due to revamp the Hollywood Services and Resources Guide.

Erin says HUNC really needs to put these homeless packets together because we did not hand out all of the summer resource cards.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend the board update the Homeless services guide for the winter

Motion: Matt Wait

Second: Adam Miller

Vote: Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Adam Miller

Erin Penner

Matt Wait

Sheila Irani

10. Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board write a letter of support for the Kingdom Warriors plan of addressing homelessness to City Council

Dr. Desire in attendance explains the Kingdom Warriors' plan of addressing homelessness to City Council. Sheila says the goal was to hire more case worker and Dr. Desire explains that they hire 4 people to do one case worker's job because people are hired with zero experience. Dr. Desire asks if HUNC has any city properties to build on and Sheila and Adam say there are no empty city lots within HUNC boundaries.

Dr. Desire says that she is submitting the Kingdom Warriors plan by Christmas. She explains the preferred method and materials to construct high rises in a short amount of time.

Sheila asks if she knows if the planning department has an opposition to the materials used to build these high rises. Adam asks if she has approached any developers yet and Dr. Desire says she has spoken with 2 construction companies (one focusing on Lancaster and Palmdale area and one focusing on LA city). Sheila asks if she has talked to any other NCs and Dr. Desire says she simply wants a letter of support because what she is doing affects all of LA.

Matt says this reminds him of other organizations that came to HUNC with a larger buy-in. He says while we can't recommend any projects within our boundaries, we could still say we're interested in all approaches to help homelessness and ask them to look further into the Kingdom Warriors Foundation. Adam asks the doctor to draft a letter for the full board meeting.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend the board write a letter of support for the Kingdom Warriors plan of addressing homelessness to City Council

Motion: Adam Miller

Second: Sheila Irani

Vote: Yes-4, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Adam Miller

Erin Penner

Matt Wait

Sheila Irani

11. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Erin mentions that she raised funds to purchase Christmas gifts for 20 homeless children in LA. She says she also wants to make sure funding for First Presbyterian's winter shelter is absolutely funded this winter.

Adam says he will be stepping down as chair and will probably be leaving this committee because he spends so much time in homelessness and needs to focus on treasurer duties to not feel so overwhelmed.

12. Old/Ongoing Business

No old/ongoing business

13. New/Future Business

No new/future business

Adjournment at 8:03 PM

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