

Ventura Social Service Task Force Minutes Agenda 2/4/26 3:15 pm via Zoom:

- I. Welcome and introductions: Kyler Carlson, Ventura Housing; Keving Clerici-Downtown Partners, Judy Alexandre- VSTF Chair H4All, Debrah Schriber – Homeless Prevention & LL & VSSTF/FS , John Sanders Jones- Same; Claire Triplett – Access Centra Coast (ACC) Indep Living; Jenn Harkey – VC CoC; Anna Varella – Mercy House; Kelly Kivlahan – ACC/Technology; Natalie Allen – ACC/Housing; Claire Triplett; Maruja Clensay – City of Ventura Acting Housing Services; Emily Bridges – ACC/ Personal Asst Coord Javier Villa Solis - VC Homeless Services ; Kappy Paulson/LUYV to end Homelessness
- II. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 1/7/26 A/ Jones; S/Harkey
- III. Approval of or changes to the agenda for 2/4/26
 - a. Look at questionnaire from Schriber, Paulson & Alexandre
- IV. Updates from the City of Ventura - Maruja Clensay/ Acting Housing Div Mgr
 - a. Leona Rollins new position is West Hollywood – rent stabilization
 - b. Actively recruiting for Leona’s Position. Andrea Palmer will represent the city on VSSTF
 - c. Legal Landscapes with realtors
 - d. HRC available Tues & Thurs 0900 – 1700 at City Hall, Served 100+ people in 6 months
 - e. 2/26/26 HRC-Basics of Renting & 3/26 VCCAR Maintenance Requirements For more see <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/2752/Ventura-Housing-Connections-Series>
 - f. City Council approved - POHA – 2 loans for Moderate income loans. Lottery, 30-year term, forgivable after 20 years
 - g. Anti-Harassment Amendment before Council on Tuesday Last item of Program 23 of Housing Element, H&H and Planning already approved
 - h. Program 19 of Housing Element – Supportive & Transitional Housing and Navigation Zone Code adjustments to make them By Right, Streamlining requirements pursuant to SB 35 to Council in May
 - i. Update @ H&H 2/18/on Foul Weather Shelter

- j. Motel 6/ Encampment update – 32 people down to 3. All moved to Valentine Road. Thanks to Downtown Partners for coordinating move & Program
 - k. Rent Stabilization – Asking Council for an increase. \$4k is not enough
 - l. 2026 Home Action Amendment to Council
 - m. Inclusionary Housing Replacement – no net loss
 - n. CBDG FY 26-27 Round
- V.
- VI. Updates and information from the COC; HUD update, grants, direction, general information (Jenn Harkey)
- a. Heavy lift by Downtown Partners for getting all the documentation for folks moving into Valentine Rd.
 - b. PiT Count - 450 volunteers counted throughout the day. Days after teams go out to encampments, One Stop & Day service sites
 - c. Data cleanup – deduplication process, checking observations, sub populations. Fun begins processing data
 - d. Housing inventory count shelter, Tx housing
 - e. Shelters Not in HMIS – no profit or private
 - f. Wrap up by end of Mar, CoC board & Supervisors, Then jurisdictional reports
 - g. Appropriations @ Federal – approved finding through 9/2026. HUD grants & public housing tenant protection vouchers to replace emergency housing . Relieved people can stay housed ... for now
 - h. Follow u with housing authorities
 - i. C- HAP grants next round March 11 – prioritize housing, homelessness prevention, youth sheltering & Outreach
 - j. Jenn recognized as a Person of Integrity
 - k. Solis? – Voucher - \$6M new tenant protection voucher, are they long term? EHV's & other HUD programs
- VII. Tenant Protections...next steps
- a. Maruja - Updates given earlier isabled f
 - b. o Report

- c. Any advocacy needed? CAUSE & VCCR formed a good coalition with property. Owners ACTION: Letter of Support from VSSTF. No projects coming up right now. Some in design.
- VIII. Planning Commission – Maruja - Housing Element 15 & SB35 & AB1397 went forward, probably in April to council
- IX. Report back from the Housing and Homeless Subcommittee meeting :
Move/ Paulson; Second/Jones
 - a. Liz Campos is the Chair, Vice Chair is Doug
 - b. Tenant Protections discussed earlier
 - c. Expand foul weather shelter – want to have every night, all winter, 100 people/night change standards 45 to 40F and rain ½” to ¼”
 - d. Housing for youth
 - e. RV Parking, dump station (Mobile) & storage
 - f. Location for permanent RV Parking
 - g. Expand Laundry services – envi issue of discarded clothing
 - h. Homeless prevention for anybody below market rate low & Middle 50% & 80% income
 - i. Extremely low for Seniors.
 - j. Back H4All on Housing issue
- X. Any housing updates and program updates from agencies (Kyler)
 - a. Prioritize vacant lot on Valentine Rd – entitlements submitted to the city for a 33- unit w 17 set aside for formerly homeless individuals
 - b. School district sites - Responded to RFP. Results are confidential till board of Trustees decides
 - c. 92 of 134 lease-ups at Valentine Rd
 - d. Thanks to Downtown Partners & Kevin Cleresi for getting all the paperwork done
- XI. State Bond – After some changes to the Bond Judy re-signed the support letter from VSSTF
- XII. Mercy House – Arch – no updates They are full. Safe Sleep – Mercy House won the bid. trying to find funding. Thought there were \$ earmarked but they are not available Push implementation to FY 2027

- XIII. Questionnaire to improve participation. ACTION: John & Deborah will work on getting it ready to publish
- XIV. Reimagine Home workshop on 2/26/26 6:30-8:30 UU Church sponsored by the VSTF Faith subcommittee
 - a. Videos: A place to call Home & No Place to Call Home
 - b. Moderator - Jeff Lambert; Speakers - Jenn Harkey & Nick Deitch
 - c. Roundtable & Action/What next?
 - d. Social media – send out to local groups
- XV. Comment by Deborah – PiT day - Impression was that people were hiding – Jenn - On day of count they WERE low; After outreach on Friday & weekend with law enforcement to encampments & other sites the number seem more realistic.
- XVI. Kevin also wanted to confirm the city of Ventura & Ventura Housing also did a tremendous job of getting people moved into Valentine Rd.
- XVII. Motion to adjourn until 3/4/26 3:15pm M/Jones S/Harkey