

## **Ventura Social Services Task Force Minutes August 5, 2026 3:15pm via Zoom:**

- I. Welcome and Introductions (John Jones)
- II. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 6/3/2026 and 7/1/2026: A/Judy; S/John
- III. Approval of or changes to the agenda of 8/5/2026 – No Changes
- IV. Updates from City of Ventura: grants, housing, advocacy needs, actions taken.
  - a. John read the info 3 slides below regarding HUD changes
  - b. Noting some proposed changes that could weaken protections.
  - c. Judy reported comment from USDA Secty that removing 5M people from food aid.
- V. Faith-based committee (Judy Alexandre) Committee's focus on
  - a. expanding Laundry Love
  - b. advocating for shelter expansion,
  - c. distributing quarterly newsletter.
- VI. Housing updates, bond measure
  - a. Kyler updated Ventura Housing's projects, including potential funding for two affordable housing developments, and discussed challenges related to the conversion of COVID emergency housing vouchers. Kyler noted this is his last week at Vta Housing. He will be a Senior Project Manager at Peoples Self Help. Congratulations!
  - b. Kyler reported that Ventura Housing successfully applied for tax credits for two projects, a 32-unit permanent supportive housing project and a 41-unit Midtown project. Both maybe funded despite the competitive nature of the round.
  - c. updates on housing projects, including the 32-unit Pasteur Drive section and the 41-unit Santa Clara Apartments rehab project, where residents will be relocated with the right to return at previous rents.
  - d. Vandalism at Washington School, Kyler confirmed the school district still owns the property and is responsible for any damage, though no specific information about vandalism was available.
  - e. Kyler also explained that Ventura Housing absorbed COVID emergency housing vouchers into their regular program, which resulted in them entering shortfall and facing challenges with December HAP payments.
  - f. Emily discussed the current status of EHV voucher holders with Kyler, noting that her clients from AHACV and Oxnard Housing Authority are experiencing a "hurry-up-and-waiting" situation similar to other housing authorities. Kyler explained that Oxnard and Area Housing Authorities are in shortfall and don't have the same options as Ventura Housing Authority, which absorbed EHV holders into their regular program.
  - g. The group discussed a case of significant rent arrears at a housing authority property and the complexities of communication between agencies
  - h. Kappy shared information about a Santa Barbara newsletter article discussing federal funding threats to the local homeless response system. <https://www.noozhawk.com/wayne-mellinger-federal-funding-fight-threatens-santa-barbara-countys-homeless-response-system/> Focus is on SB county
  - i. The group discussed the need for additional COC contacts following Jennifer Harkey's departure, with John confirming that Alicia and Kimberly are already invited to these meetings.
- VII. City Council Candidate forum – date is September 30 6:30 at Foothill Church
  - a. Questions are developed X# Yes/No, X# discussion
  - b. Linda Braunschweiger will moderate
  - c. Christian Nunez is handling flyers and press releases.
- VIII. Report from agencies.... we want and need to hear from you
  - a. While they did not report directly, it was noted that City Center administratively merged with the Rescue Mission. Spirit of Santa Paula also merged with the Rescue Mission, although the extent was not discussed
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### **Upcoming meetings**

**Prohousing Public Outreach Meeting** They want to hear from residents. Comment period is open until Saturday August 8

**Planning Commission Meeting** August 26, 2026 5:30pm City Council Chambers; Pro Housing is in the agenda  
**City Council**

September 15, 2026 5:0pm City Council Chambers; Pro Housing should be on the agenda.

**Homelessness & Housing Subcommittee Meeting** August 19, 2026 3:00pm

Community Meeting Room

**VSSTF: Faith Subcommittee**

August 28th - 4:00 PM – Zoom meeting - Judy Alexandre is contact

- Looking for more congregations
- Expand Laundry Love
- Quarterly newsletter sent out a couple days ago
- Advocate for Shelter expansion

IX. Motion to adjourn until 9/2/20226 at 3:15 via zoom

X. Chat Summary

- From Emily Bridges (ACC) to Everyone: At ACC, we've heard once upon a time that Covid Emergency Housing Vouchers will be converted to TPV, but we haven't heard much since the beginning of the year

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Emily**
- [Check and send the job description for the Thousand Oaks office position to Judy.](#)
- **John**
- [Send the HUD tenant protection updates slides to Kappy in ODX format.](#)
- [Reach out to Alicia and Kimberly to invite them to future meetings and request a report.](#)
- [Ensure the City Council Candidate Forum details \(flyer, press release\) are sent out to all attendees for distribution.](#)
- [Send a reminder to the group about the upcoming Homeless and Housing Subcommittee Meeting on August 19th.](#)
- **Judy**
- [Send the job description for the Thousand Oaks office position to the community.](#)
- [Specifically invite the police task force, Mercy House, and City Center \(now merged with the Rescue Mission\) to the September meeting to share updates.](#)
- [Follow up with Christian Nunez regarding the flyer and press release for the City Council Candidate Forum.](#)
- **Kappy**
- [Follow up with New Seasons Church to get a contact person for Laundry Love.](#)

## **Appendix**

HUD Impacts on Ventura Tenants (2026) - Tenant Education & Rights

\* **HUD Tenant Empowerment Resources:** New national guidance on voucher use, rent calculation, hearings, and tenant rights.

\* **Ventura Impact:** Better orientation and clearer processes for HCV and public-housing tenants.

HUD Impacts on Ventura Tenants (2026) - Voucher & Relocation Rules

\* **California HCV Protections:** Strong anti-discrimination, habitability, and rent-increase rules continue.

\* **TPV Changes (2026):** Eligibility now requires occupancy within 12 months.

**Ventura Impact:** Redevelopment tenants may lose TPVs if units sit vacant too long.

HUD Impacts on Ventura Tenants (2026) - HOME Program Rollback

**HUD Proposal:** Remove 2025 HOME tenant protections and revert to older standards.

**Ventura Impact:** HOME-funded tenants may lose federal protections, but California laws still safeguard habitability and eviction rights.

**Overall Ventura Takeaway:**

Education improves, state protections remain strong, TPV rules tighten, and HOME protections may weaken.