

## Ventura Social Services Task Force

Agenda March 4, 2025 3:15PM

### I. Welcome and Introductions

1. This is Judy's last official meeting. John Jones will be the lead when he retires from work on 4/1/26.
2. Teresa Cotner (resident & LA), Emily Bridges (ACC/ CAL AIM – Housing), Claire Triplett (ACC Independent Living TO), Anna Varella (Mercy Houe),n Natalie Allen (ACC Housing & Support), Christian Numez (CAUSE), Gregg Travis (Vta resident), Kate Mills (OLA), Judy Alexander (Chair), John Sanders Jones (Co Chair), Kappy Paulson (Secty & LUYV)

II. Approval of or changes to the minutes of 2/4/26 - M/Jones; Second/ Mills

III. Approval of or changes to the agenda of 3/4/26 - Move/ Paulson

IV. Updates from City of Ventura: grants, housing, advocacy needs, actions taken (Maruja Clensay or Andrea Palmer) - No report

V. Updates from the COC: grants, Point In Time count, others – NA - at a National Conference (Jenn Harkey). Will give Point in time count info @ April meeting

VI. Final approval of tenant protections Kristian Nunez) City council passed Tenant Protection Ordances w no second reading. It was developed by CAUSE & Ventura Assoc Council of Realtors - effective 3/19/2026. Acknowledging most housing providers serve their tenants well. This gives recourse to tenants & providers with problems. There is a Housing Right Center T & TH @ City Hall. Legal assistance is available for low-income tenants. Moderate and above can get advice.

VII. Council Housing and Homeless Subcommittee - CBDG Funding decisions, most others were info. Expect to hear about Safe Sleep next month - long-term all-day parking with case management at the ARCH. In the past 3 churches. Looking for a site for permanent parking for RV Parking, case management, mobile dumping, children would have an address for school, etc. A number of people have stable jobs e.g. traveling nurse, nomads who work

from home. Understand the RVs identify the units AS their home. A permanent sanitation station *would also be use by recreational campers too.*

VIII. Strategy Planning for goal implementation (Judy and John Jones) – Top 3 vote for accomplishments

1. Shelter & Housing Expansion – This was an expansive conversation & I'm not sure I got it all

- Expand to a 4-month Winter Shelter – Like the former Winter Warming shelter. It was congregate shelter for ~ 100 people /night. Ensure space for families. Ensure space for Seniors & disabled people to use a single (not bunk) bed
- If we can't get a seasonal shelter, then lower activation points of the current model to ¼" rain and raise temp to 45. Ensure a space for families & Seniors (not on floor)
- RV Parking & black & grey wastewater disposal – safe, 24-hours parking. Storage for unsheltered people's stuff
- Advocate Housing with Homes for All for 2 target groups – Foster youth until they turn 26 and senior, disabled people with fixed very low incomes. Work from home. *Kate will look into why Homeshare is it faltering?* How do we want to help with HOMESHARE

2. Q&A –Speakers Bureau to Provide answers to common questions, backup with data & Charts and Talking Points for Church Bulletins *John will Lead*

3. Homeless Prevention – for low- and middle-income people with long-term support

- Prevent Eviction services B/4 notice happens ordinance.
- Work at home opportunities for Seniors and Disabled people

4. Summary of remaining List in no order is below

- Industrial laundry services for clothing used by unsheltered., environmental component of reusing cleaned clothing. Help the Faith Subcommittee find an additional Laundry Love site
- Watch & Report changes in Sr housing e.g. Agency on Aging, not with county. State taking over the services. Don't know how those services will be provided
- Watch & Report Mental Health services Act => Behavioral Health Services Act. What services will only be provided by the medical provider.

- ACC Will still provides services for disabled clients
- County supervisors (3/3) voted will pause Area Agency on Aging development & dissolution the Aging and Disability Resource
- Consider updating the Blue/Teal

IX. Report back from Reimagine workshop and showing of brief video (John) - 30-40 people attended

1. Showed the 2 videos at this meeting and in the workshop

- *No Place to Grow Old* trailer -created by Humans for Housing  
<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q>
- *No Place to Call Home* Features residents & CEO of Dignity Moves site in San Francisco - [DignityMoves - YouTube](#) Smaller villages so WHEN they have to move. Difficult to remake connections if they are moved. Dignity Moves has a site in TO, Camarillo, SB, & Oxnard, developing on in Ojai,

2. Now the city has very little emphasis on transitional housing now, Fed wants \$ efforts to focus on permanent housing & not Temporary housing as they have in the past. Discussion circled back to VSSTF priorities

X. Housing updates, bond measure

1. State Bond measure needs people to work for \$ for affordable housing the bond on the ballot. A family of 4 can qualify for affordable housing can \$130,000. Examples are beginning teachers, nurses, firefighters, doctors. Zuleth Lucero @ CAUSE is the lead for the bond issue efforts. Contact her for how you can help [zuleth@causenow.org](mailto:zuleth@causenow.org) Also a county wide housing coalition.
2. Valentine Rd is filling. Approval given for property next door. Ventura housing is continuing to meet and get approval for former school sites. First rights to move is for school employees, incl bus drivers, classroom aids, cafeteria folks, teachers, etc
3. ACC county's measures regarding the VCAAA, here are the details of a state senate bill from Senator Laird for protecting services from Aging and Disability Resource

Connections: <https://sd17.senate.ca.gov/news/senator-laird-introduces-sb-1261-protect-critical-services-older-adults-and-people>.

XI. Motion to adjourn until 4/1/26 at 3:15 via zoom (Judy Alexandre) Motion – Saunders