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Chair Donna Termeer;
Vice Chair Sgt. Theresa Dawson;
Commissioner Hector Acosta; Commissioner Nigel Holly;
Commissioner Fran Sereseres

**LANCASTER HOMELESS IMPACT
COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday,
August 15, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

Council Chambers – Lancaster City Hall
Posted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9
at the entrance to the Lancaster City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commission Members: Acosta, Holly, Sereseres; Vice Chair Dawson; Chair Termeer

INVOCATION

Pastor Joel Custodio, Grace Chapel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - AGENDIZED ITEMS

Any person who would like to address the Lancaster Homeless Impact Commission on any agendized item is requested to complete a speaker card for the Commission Secretary and identify the agenda item you would like to discuss. Each person will be given an opportunity to address the Commission at the time such item is discussed. Speaker cards are available at the rear of the Council Chambers and your speaker card must be filled out *prior* to the agenda item being called. We respectfully request that you fill the cards out completely and print as clearly as possible. Following this procedure will allow for a smooth and timely process for the meeting and we appreciate your cooperation. *Individual speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.*

Consent Calendar items may be acted upon with one motion, a second and the vote. If you desire to speak on an item or items on the Consent Calendar, you may fill out one speaker card for the Consent Calendar. You will be given three (3) minutes to address your concerns before the Lancaster Homeless Impact Commission takes action on the Consent Calendar.

**LANCASTER HOMELESS IMPACT COMMISSION
AGENDA THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes June 20, 2019

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & DIRECTION

1. 2019 Homeless Count Numbers By Community/City

Presented by: Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Stephanie Wolahan, Manager, Data & Research

Timothy Kirkconnell, Coordinator, Community Engagement

2. LAHOP – Description Of Services And How To Use Them

Presented by: Jacqueline Beltran, Coordinator, CES Outreach

3. Update On Homeless Impact Study Session

Presented by: Melissa Varela

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

This portion of the agenda allows an individual the opportunity to address the Lancaster Homeless Impact Commission on any item ***NOT ON THE AGENDA*** regarding Commission business and speaker cards must be submitted prior to the beginning of this portion of the Agenda. Please complete a speaker card for the Commission Secretary and identify the subject you would like to address. We respectfully request that you fill the cards out completely and print as clearly as possible. Following this procedure will allow for a smooth and timely process for the meeting and we appreciate your cooperation. ***Individual speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each.***

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting:

September 19, 2019

MEETING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

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**LANCASTER HOMELESS IMPACT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Termeer called the meeting of the Lancaster Homeless Impact Commission to order at 10:05 am.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Acosta, Sereseres, Chair Termeer

Absent: Commissioner Holly, Vice Chair Dawson

Staff

Members: Administrative and Community Services Director, Administrative and Community Services Management Analyst I, Recording Secretary

INVOCATION

Chair Termeer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Sereseres

APPROVAL OF LANCASTER HOMELESS IMPACT COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Minutes May 16, 2019

CC2. Approval of Minutes June 3, 2019

On a motion by Commissioner Acosta and seconded by Commissioner Sereseres, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar, by the following vote: 3-0-0-2; AYES: Acosta, Sereseres, Termeer
NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Commissioner Holly, Vice Chair Dawson

COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & DIRECTION

1. Overview – 2019 Homeless Count (SPA 1)

Presenters– Timothy Kirkconnell, Community Engagement Coordinator, SPA 1, LAHSA
And Clementina Verjan, associate director of Community Engagement for the Los Angeles
Homeless Services Authority

Homelessness is rising statewide, with an average increase of 35%. Countywide, there are approximately 721,000 rent-burdened households; of those, 5,643 people were prevented from entering homelessness. An estimated 54,882 people went in and out of homelessness; another 21,631 people countywide were placed in permanent housing; of those, 7,258 people were placed in rapid re-housing, 5,158 people in supportive housing targeted for the chronically homeless, and 9,215 people were placed in other permanent housing, such as with family members or shared housing.

The economic factors that drive people into homelessness include wages that have not kept pace with rental costs. For example, in Los Angeles County approximately one-third of households spend more than 50% of their household income on rent.

Countywide, there were 3,886 homeless veterans in 2018. The number decreased to 3,874 homeless veterans in 2019. The County housed another 2,824 veterans in 2018. The Antelope Valley's homeless veteran population decreased 53% from 2018 to 118 veterans this year, including 12 chronically homeless. The number of family members experiencing homelessness increased 6.4% countywide, while the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness increased 17%. Homelessness among the youth increased 24%, while homelessness among seniors increased by about 8%. The majority, or 53%, of people experiencing first-time homelessness cited economic hardship as a leading factor. An estimated 5% of people reported experiencing homelessness because they were fleeing domestic violence/intimate partner abuse. Of those, 89% are adults. The majority or 54.8% are women, 43.1% are men, and 2.1% are transgender. Another 29% of people experiencing homelessness reported a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Approximately 64.9% of people experiencing homelessness have lived in L.A. County for more than 10 years. The remaining 35.1% come from other counties in southern California or the state, or even out of state.

Commissioner Acosta asked about information related to Lancaster.

Chair Termeer asked for information on the success of existing safe parking locations.

2. Problem Solving/Diversion

Presenter – Alex Devin, Supervisor, System Components, LAHSA

Alex Devin, supervisor of System Components for LAHSA, said because there are not enough apartments for people experiencing homelessness, they need to change their vision of what they deem a success. “Problem-solving is changing the vision of success to indoors. Instead of saying it needs to be a permanent housing destination to be as success, we’re just saying if mom’s willing to take you back, that’s a success,” Devin said the county would fund some 81 problem-solving specialists throughout the county in an assortment of different locations to assess the impact. “We’re going to place one (problem-solving specialist) working with families in motels, just to see if we can get families out of motels quicker. We’re going to work with youth in a shelter to see if we can get youth to either divert out of shelter system before they get in, or move through quicker,” Devin said.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Heather Vardan – Antelope Valley Coalition – Water Drive for outreach team, donations accepted at the Lancaster or Palmdale location. LAHOP professional outreach workers to help with Homeless encampments.

Hailey Hefter – addressed the Commission on her concerns on the amount of homeless encampments around her area of business in Lancaster.

Lanaey London – Social Services Director for Salvation Army program, shelter is still open through December, they are petitioning to stay open past winter shelter for temporary use. Shelter is back at capacity, revolving intake. Will let community know when they have more availability.

Sara Odum – would like to be an advocate for the homeless

Nicole Parsons – provided the Commission with her envision with the City of Lancaster.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Termeer adjourned the Lancaster Homeless Impact Commission meeting at 11:04 am and stated that the next meeting of the Lancaster Homeless Impact Commission would take place on Thursday, August 15, 2020.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of June 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANA HALE
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DONNA TERMEER
CHAIR

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES LANCASTER
HOMELESS IMPACT COMMISSION

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Lancaster Homeless Impact Commission Minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this _____ day of _____, _____.

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