

CITY OF LOS ANGELES



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

www.wwnc.org

Homeless Task Force Committee Meeting

6:30 PM

March 1, 2018

Hammer Museum courtyard

10899 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90024

The public is requested to fill out a **"Speaker Card"** to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during "Public Comments." No individual speaker will be allowed more than 2 minutes, subject to the discretion of the Chair. Agenda items are subject to board action. The agenda is posted for public review at Ralph's Market, 10861 Weyburn Ave., Westwood Village, and at www.wwnc.org.

The American with Disabilities Act - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at [213-978-1551](tel:213-978-1551) or email NCsupport@lacity.org.

Public Access of Records - In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website by clicking on the following link: www.wwnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact sresnick@wwnc.org.

1). **Call to Order** – Council Member roll call

- 2). Introduction of guests
- 3). General Public Comments on Non-Agenda items – 2 minutes per speaker
- 4). Strategy session and discussion of assisting in finding a location for the Shower of Hope in Westwood. Special guest Founder/Chairman Damián Mazzotta.- Chantelle Eastman (15 minutes)
- 5). Discussion/Action: Letter from WWNC in support of easily accessed walk-in centers. (See attached sample letter from Silverlake NC). – Chantelle Eastman (15 minutes)
- 6). Strategy session and discussion of pairing up with local community members, homeowners associations, student organizations, businesses, and other institutions to do a community outreach campaign.- Chantelle Eastman (15 minutes)

- 7). Adjourn

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
1850 W. Silver Lake Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90026

* Sample letter *

Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

January 30, 2018

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board requests that the Los Angeles City Council establish a walk-in access center available to homeless and other vulnerable members of our neighborhood.

The access center should be within the boundaries of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council. The access center should be open to residents who need assistance at least during normal working hours, should offer mailing address services onsite, laundry services onsite, and should be staffed with case managers and a nurse practitioner.

Sincerely,

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, Governing Board

AGENDA ITEM 9.9

* Sample from
Silverlake
NC

Date: January 31, 2018

Committee/Requestor: Nithya Raman & Darius Derakshan, Homelessness Committee

Text of Motion: The Homelessness in Silver Lake Committee approved a motion asking the SLNC Governing Board to submit a letter to the city requesting a walk-in access center available to homeless and other vulnerable members of our neighborhood. The access center should be within the boundaries of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council. The access center should be open to residents who need assistance at least during normal working hours, should offer mailing address services onsite, laundry services onsite, and should be staffed with case managers and a nurse practitioner.

Committee Vote: Unanimously approved, 10-0, recommending passage

What is the timeline for the project?

Immediately

What is the most important item about this motion?

Approving the letter

Please explain how this motion benefits the SLNC and Silver Lake:

Helps Silver Lake residents who are experiencing homelessness quickly access services and transition into housing. Currently there are no walk-in centers that offer services to homeless residents or residents in danger of homelessness in Silver Lake and the surrounding neighborhoods.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

If the motion is supported by the SLNC, the governing board will submit a letter to the Los Angeles City Council using the text of the motion provided above

Committee's discussion from the Committee meeting minutes:

Nithya Raman Introduces Motion: Homelessness in Los Angeles is reaching a crisis point, with measure H and HHH funds, there is a need for walk-in services. There are zero walk-in access services in Silver Lake and surrounding neighborhoods.

Dorit Dowler-Guerrero: This should be city funded and city partnered

Mike O'Shea: SELAH has been going since July and it's been great, but it's hard for the homeless folks we meet to be at the right place and the right time to meet with outreach workers several days later.

Nithya: Additionally, during the recent rain storm, the closest emergency shelters were in either Highland Park or Skid Row, Weingart Center, and there were no pickup points in our neighborhood. Additionally, the nearest emergency shelter is full every night and they turn people away.

Nicole Federici: What about churches, there churches in this neighborhood that are underutilized and can serve as a temporary shelter in addition to the access center.

Sally David: Churches can serve that purpose, and I can help strong arm them into it

Dorit: There are 6 churches in the SGV that offer temporary shelters, rotating every 2 weeks at a time, could serve as a model for here.

Cathy Takemoto: For the access center, what about a place to pick up mail? You need a place to get mail for important documents.

Daniel Ciarfalia: I work in Silver Lake, and I live in Hollywood, but I think it would be very important if there were access to showers, because this [neighborhood] is a dead zone for showers.

Darius Derakshan moves to discuss adding revising the motion to include the following text: The access center should be within the boundaries of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, should offer mailing address services onsite, laundry services onsite, and should be staffed with case managers and a nurse practitioner.

Dorit Seconds

Group discussed the need for it to be within Silver Lake, the need for laundry, and the need for mailing address services.

Motion unanimously passes, 10-0