

Minutes of the Housing Capacity Committee 9/17/25

Present: Sharon Cornu & John Lo, Co-Chairs
Members: Jared De Figh, Shalawn Garcia, Caroline Topeé, Moe Wright, Ms. Shelley Gonzalez
Homebase: Kris Maun, Morgan Bernados
Public: Michai Freeman

Called to order at 12:05.

- Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed newcomers.
- There were no edits to the **August 20 Meeting Minutes**.
- We held the **Evidence Based Solutions Committee** report pending arrival of the liaison.
- Morgan invited everyone to the **Fall Community Meeting** on Tuesday, November 18 at the California Endowment, 2000 Franklin St. Time TBA.
- **We moved to the primary order of business, the future of this committee.** Sharon Cornu, Co-Chair, presented the Co-Chairs' recommendation that the Committee sunset and transfer people to other parts of the Continuum of Care. She referred to the Spring Community Meeting directive to reduce bureaucracy and respect people's time with fewer meetings and getting more done. She said the Committee should be proud of three accomplishments:
 - o **Survey of Housing Providers** (landlords and property owners) for better education and outreach, and the capacity of the County's five Housing Authorities to improve understanding and accessibility
 - o **Comments on Housing & Community Development's Ten-Year Plan**
 - o **Education and Training**, like the good work by John Lo and his Housing 101 PowerPoint
- John Lo, Co-Chair, recommended sunsetting to preserve time and spread work to other Committees where appropriate. He noted decreased attendance as an indication of interest, and the difficulty of rental housing inventories as a volunteer project – it needs to be staffed. He reinforced the value of collaboration and having space for getting to know each other.
- Committee members said the Committee was meaningful for the **opportunity to connect and collaborate across silos, including people with lived experience and various jurisdictions** (both between jurisdictions and inside jurisdictions, which are often siloed.)
- Committee members noted the **difficulty of building new units, highlighting accessibility; sunsetting this space so that work can be taken up elsewhere; and being better fortified to increase prevention efforts**. Committee members appreciated each other's contributions and noted the loss of a space for connection and collaboration.
- Committee members prioritized the inclusion of members in the Continuum of Care through other committees, Community Meetings, and the possibility of regular forums and discussion, like the Learning Community, which is open to all.
- Committee members requested that John Lo provide quarterly or regular educational opportunities to the Continuum of Care generally.
- **Motion was made, seconded, and passed with one abstention to sunset the Housing Capacity Committee** with a requirement that members are welcomed into other committees; that the survey of Housing providers continues; and that educational and collaborative work expands.

There being no further business, we adjourned at 1:35pm.