



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Draft Minutes

Human Services Commission

Chair Alice Sarafian, District 1
Vice Chair, Don Lancaster, District At Large (5)
Pedro Naranjo, District 2
Susan Snell, District 3
Bose Onyemem, District 4
Vacant, District 5
Vacant, District 6
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Wednesday, January 23, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Sister Cities Gallery

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm.
Present 5 - Sarafian, Lancaster, Naranjo, Snell, Onyemem

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 23, 2019

Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Snell and seconded by Vice Chair Lancaster.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2018

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Onyemem and seconded by Commissioner Naranjo.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Sarafian requested introductions from the audience:
Anissa Basoco-Villareal, Policy Director from Alameda County Social Services.
Natalie Till, Field Services Alameda County Social Services.
Nick-Thorn Sermeño, resident from San Leandro.
Peggy Combs, resident from San Leandro.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

6.A. Introduction of New RHS Staff

Secretary Dong introduced new RHS staffer, Human Services Specialist, Elsa Castillo.

6.B. Warming Shelter

Secretary Dong gave an update on the warming shelter: announced that the warming shelter receives on average 25 individuals a night and welcomes volunteers to cook meals.

6.C. Alameda County Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count

Secretary Dong gave an update on the Homeless Point-In-Time count: volunteers to report at 5:00am to Hayward City Hall. Known encampment locations will be distributed to volunteers in advance of the count and that "hot-spots" which are locations that are plentiful with encampments will be counted by Officers Joe Camarillo and Warren DeGuzman due to the nature of the locations. She reported that it is critical to have a proper count due to the last 300% undercount that directly impacted funding.

Chair Sarafian and Commissioner Onyemem commented on the Homeless Count details.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Presentation on Public Charge-Anissa Basoco-Villarreal, Alameda County Social Services Agency

The Federal Administration has proposed expanding the definition of public charge which challenges funding levels for social safety net programs and is not immigrant friendly. Currently, Public Charge is defined as a person who is likely to become dependant of the government as their main source of support. Should a public charge determination be made, the government may deny a person entry into the U.S. or lawful permanent resident status. Overall, this proposed policy change has the potential to encourage disenrollment from public benefits or undocumented status.

9. REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Sarafian announced Kathy Sanchez's resignation from the commission and requested suggestions for future speakers and agenda items.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Naranjo: announced he will also be participating in a homeless youth count in unincorporated Ashland on January 30th, 2019.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Motion to adjourn approved by Vice Chair Lancaster and seconded by Commissioner Snell.

AYE: 5 NAY: 0

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