

## Homelessness in Silver Lake Committee Minutes August 24, 2020

### Opening Remarks

Imran and Samantha

- A. Self-introductions- Ben Cassorla, Katelan (on behalf of La Community Fridge) , Gabriela (from Street Watch LA), Maebe, Ahmed Abedine, and Miranda

### General Public Comments

- A. Ben discussion on AB1436, assembly bill to stop evictions
- B. Maebe discussion on the City Councils introduction of new file on mandatory diversity, equity training

### Motions

- A. Motion to set a consistent meeting date: Unanimous vote in favor of holding our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month
- B. Discussion and possible action to recommend to full governing board the implementation of a 'community fridge: Intro from Katelan. There are currently 12 fridges, need a host for outlet and people to keep it stored. Maebe inquired about where to put fridge. Samantha inquired about getting SLNC help to paint and broadcast fridge. Possible location the Silverlake Church. Gabriella may reach to local biz to see if interested. Ben inquires about where the Silverlake Homeless population is. Miranda mentions discussion about homeless near the river. Miranda volunteers to help stock. Imran inquires about how to make people comfortable. Language is important. Samantha proposes bringing it up with full board, vote is unanimous in favor
- C. Discussion of the 2020 Homeless count: Discussion on how reports are not accessible to everyone. Maebe states there may be undercount due to volunteers, people sleep in cars, couch surf. Ben states the report is haphazard. Samantha states multiple sources make it inaccurate, its hard with volunteers not trained. Maebe suggests it should be a part of the census and funded. Samantha proposes a committee report.
- D. Discussion about partnering with SELAH for outreach off Sunset underpass encampment. Gabriella mentions Street Watch regularly goes there. Ben proposes it better to piggyback off organizations that already have efforts in place. Miranda has question about Street Watch. Ben recommends someone from Street Watch come speak. Gabriella will try to get someone from Street Watch to come to board meeting
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to the SLNC Governing Board of a Community Impact Statement supporting City Council File #20-1032, 'COVID-19 / Municipal Liquidity Facility Loan Assistance / Rent and Utility Related Debt Forgiveness / Program Structure and Implementation:' Introduction by Samantha gives background David Ryu involvement , investigation of debt cancelation, high interest rates, motion to extend 10 minutes. Imran mentions need for debt forgiveness, Miranda agrees on Debt forgiveness. Samantha mentions rental registry may be helpful. Discussion on lottery rent payment, Ben mentions 1436, does address some issues if it passes will be

immediate. Samantha mentions we can send emails to state reps. Unanimous vote in favor of sending impact statement to board

**Adjournment**

Samantha move to adjourn, seconded my Miranda