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REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, December 11, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

County Administration North
Room 107

400 W Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Vicente Sarmiento, Chair
Supervisor, Second District

Janet Nguyen
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Susan Parks
Business Representative

Todd Spitzer
Orange County District Attorney

Veronica Kelley
Behavioral Health Representative

Benjamin Vazquez
Central Service Planning Area Representative

Benjamin Hurst
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Robert Morse
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Anthony Trejo
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Clerk of the Commission
Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk

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*All supporting documentation is available for public review online at:
<https://ceo.ocgov.com/care-coordination/commission-end-homelessness>
and with Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the County Administration North Building,
400 West Civic Center Drive, 6th Floor, Santa Ana, California 92701
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday*

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Commission to Address Homelessness Update
 - a. Membership Update
 - b. 2025 Commission to Address Homelessness Annual Report
 - c. State Action for Facilitation on Encampments (SAFE) Task Force
 - d. CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
 - e. Weather Activated Rooms (WARM) Program for Families
2. Office of Care Coordination Update
 - a. OC Same-Day Solutions Fair
 - b. 2026 Point in Time Count
3. Commissioner Spotlight – Maricela Rios-Faust, Continuum of Care Board Representative

PRESENTATION

4. Small-Scale Housing Summit presented by the Office of Supervisor Sarmiento, Second District

ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve the launch of recruitment process and establishment of a new Membership Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate and make recommendations for appointment for expired Commission to Address Homelessness seats to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

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6. Bridges at Kraemer Place Community Advisory Board
 - a. Appoint Anthony Trejo to the Commission to Address Homelessness Seat on the Bridges at Kraemer Place Community Advisory Board for the term January 28, 2026, to January 27, 2027.
7. Approve proposed Commission to Address Homelessness 2026 Meeting Schedule Calendar.
8. Approve Commission to Address Homelessness minutes from the October 15, 2025, regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING February 18, 2026, 1:00 P.M.

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2026

Meetings are held
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

County Conference Center - 425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana 92701

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 County Holiday

 Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

County Conference Center
Room 104/106
425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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Milo Peinemann
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Continuum of Care Board Representative
Vacant
Lived Experience Representative

Commission Director
Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination

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ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Afable, Bruno-Nelson, Bustamante-Pixa, Cunningham, Hawley, Hurst, Ivins, Morse, Peinemann, Pitts, Spitzer, Rios-Faust, Rose, Sarmiento and Vazquez

ABSENT: Commissioners: Nguyen, Parks and Vanderpool

PRESENT: COMMISSION DIRECTOR Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board

Call to Order

CHAIR SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

COMMISSIONER SPITZER LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call

CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM PRESENT

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chair Sarmiento – Welcomed new Commissioners, Benjamin Vazquez and Ivan Pitts; Commissioners were also invited to attend the 2nd District's Small Scale Housing Summit on November 5, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Hurst – Wanted to take a moment to thank Commissioners whose term ended and recognize their service on the Commission and the impact on the work to address homelessness.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Commission to Address Homelessness Update

a. Membership Update

Commission Director Doug Becht reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the appointment recommendations to the Commission to Address Homelessness and thanked Commissioners Monique Davis and Lisa Kim for their time and contribution to the Commission.

b. Joint-Special Meeting with the Orange County Continuum of Care Board

A joint-special meeting with the Continuum of Care Board was held on September 10, 2025, to present findings of the 2025 survey titled, *Falling Through the Safety Net: Understanding Individuals' Journey and Contributing Factors to Homelessness*; feedback received will be included in the final report.

2. Office of Care Coordination Update

a. OC Same Day Solutions Fair

Commission Director Doug Becht announced the success of the third OC Same-Day Solutions Fair hosted in the City of Orange on September 25, 2025; including 236 attendees and 664 total services provided; the next OC Same-Day Solutions Fair is scheduled for November 20, 2025, in the City of Placentia in partnership with HIS-OC; and thanked the Commissioners for their support and involvement.

b. State Action for Facilitation on Encampments (SAFE) Task Force

Commission Director Doug Becht discussed Governor Newsom's August 29, 2025, announcement of SAFE Task Force, which prioritizes and deploys California's comprehensive network of services to remove encampments on state rights-of-way in California's ten largest cities, including the City of Anaheim; the SAFE Task Force, which includes CalTrans, CalOES, and CHP, worked together with the Office of Care Coordination

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and City of Anaheim to clear encampments and connect individuals with resources including access to shelter beds.

On the motion of Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Vice Chair Cunningham, the Commission directed the Chair and the Office of Care Coordination to request Board of Supervisors' approval for the Commission to send a letter to the SAFE Task Force to communicate concerns and make suggestions for collaboration to achieve common goals.

c. 2026 Point in Time Count

The 2026 Point in Time Count will take place over three days starting on January 27, 2026 (Central Service Planning Area), January 28, 2026 (North Service Planning Area) and January 29, 2026 (South Service Planning Area).

d. Request for Proposals

The Office of Care Coordination released two Requests for Proposal (RFPs), first for Services Coordination, Permanent Housing Delivery and Prevention and Shelter Diversion Services and second for County Emergency Shelter Operations & Services.

3. Commissioner Spotlight – Commissioner Robert Morse, Continuum of Care Board Representative

Commissioner “Santa Bob” Morse presented a video detailing his story including what led him to experience homelessness, his journey out of homelessness and his determination not to leave others experiencing homelessness behind; his determination has led to his work and involvement in several forums to advocate for those experiencing homelessness.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Homelessness Legislative Impacts and Advocacy Strategy by An Tran, Director, Orange County Social Services Agency; Julia Bidwell, Director, Orange County Housing and Community Development; and Douglas Becht, Director of the Office of Care Coordination.

Director of the Orange County Social Services Agency, An Tran, presented on anticipated impacts of HR-1 to Medi-Cal/Medicaid and Cal Fresh/SNAP programs including elimination of automatic renewals, a new requirement for recertification every six months and updated requirements to participate in work activities as a condition of eligibility for those ages 19 – 64; HR-1 did not include funding for additional resources to address the resulting increased workload for program staff.

Director of Orange County Housing and Community Development, Julia Bidwell, discussed impacts of the Emergency Housing Vouchers Program ending earlier than anticipated and plans to transition a portion of the impacted households to Housing Choice Vouchers this year, and the remaining 389 households will gradually transition to the Housing Choice Voucher through July 2028.

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Commission Director Doug Becht provided an update on legislative impacts to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and changes to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines to limit funding for permanent housing to 30% of CoC funding, instead of the current 87%.

On the motion of Commissioner Peinemann, seconded by Commissioner Rios Faust, the Commission recommended that:

Due to expected changes, many individuals who were formerly homeless and are currently housed through the Homeless Service System, including the CoC Program and federal rental assistance, are at risk of re-entering homelessness. As such, the Commission, the CoC Board, Cities and County departments collective priority should be to prevent their homelessness and must collaborate to identify and secure alternative funding, programs, and services to support their long-term permanent housing stability.

As such, the Commission recommends that the Office of Care Coordination submit a memo to the Board of Supervisors stating the Commission's concerns related to the CoC Program and federal rental assistance that is at risk and recommending that the Board direct County Departments to prioritize the prevention of these households entering homelessness by developing recommendations for alternative funding, programs, and services to support long term housing stability to bring back to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Recommendation to operate Weather Activated Rooms (WARM) Program for Families.

On the motion of Chair Sarmiento, seconded by Commissioner Morse, the Commission approved as recommended.

6. Membership Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation

- a. Approve the recommendation for the following candidates to serve on the Commission to Address Homelessness as detailed below to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
 - i. Anthony Trejo, Program Manager at HIS-OC, as the Current or Past Lived Experience of Homelessness Representative
 - ii. Veronica Kelley, Director of the Orange County Health Care Agency, as the Behavioral Health Representative with expertise in services for people experiencing homelessness with mental health and substance use disorders
 - iii. Nathaniel Shinagawa, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of UCI Health, as the Hospital Representative with expertise in the local hospital emergency room treatment and discharge system
 - iv. Maricela Rios-Faust, Chief Executive Officer of Human Options, as the Continuum of Care Board Representative
 - v. Robert Morse, Homeless Advocate, as the Continuum of Care Board Representative

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- vi. Virgil Asuncion, Commander of Southwest Operations Division, as the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative in a leadership and/or command level role with knowledge of the Orange County's System of Care
- vii. Joshua Bobko, Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services at the Orange County Fire Authority, as the At-Large Representative

On the motion of Commissioner Affable, seconded by Commissioner Morse, the Commission approved as recommended.

7. Approve Commission to Address Homelessness minutes from the August 20, 2025, regular meeting.

On the motion of Commissioner Morse, seconded by Commissioner Rios-Faust, the Commission approved the minutes of the August 20, 2025, regular meeting.

8. Approve Orange County Continuum of Care Board and the Commission to Address Homelessness minutes from the September 10, 2025, joint special meeting.

On the motion of Commissioner Morse, seconded by Commissioner Rios-Faust, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 10, 2025, regular meeting

9. Approve revised Commission to Address Homelessness 2025 Meeting Schedule Calendar to amend the December meeting date from December 10, 2025, to December 11, 2025.

On the motion of Commissioner Morse, seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, the Commission approved as recommended.

ADJOURNED: 3:24 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

*Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board
Clerk of the Commission*

*Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento
Chair*