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REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 1:00 P.M.

County Administration North
First Floor Multi-Purpose Room
400 W Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Vicente Sarmiento, Chair
Supervisor, Second District

Gina Cunningham, Vice Chair
Affordable Housing Development Representative

Janet Nguyen
Supervisor, First District

Susan Parks
Business Representative

Todd Spitzer
Orange County District Attorney

Veronica Kelley
Behavioral Health Representative

Benjamin Vazquez
Central Service Planning Area Representative

Benjamin Hurst
Philanthropic Leader Representative

Ivan Pitts
Faith-Based Community Representative

Kelly Bruno-Nelson
Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative

Robert Morse
Continuum of Care Board Representative

Adam Hawley
Chief of Police Representative

Nathaniel Shinagawa
Hospital Representative

Vacant
North Service Planning Area Representative

Debra Rose
South Service Planning Area Representative

Virgil Asuncion
Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative

Joshua Bobko
At-Large Representative

Maricela Rios-Faust
Continuum of Care Board Representative

Anthony Trejo
Lived Experience Representative

Commission Director
Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination

Clerk of the Commission
Valerie Sanchez, Chief Deputy Clerk

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Asuncion, Bruno-Nelson, Cunningham, Hurst, Kelley, Morse, Nguyen, Parks, Pitts, Rios-Faust, Rose, Sarmiento, Shinagawa, Spitzer, and Trejo

ABSENT: Commissioners: Bobko, Hawley and Vazquez

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

Call to Order

CHAIR SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

COMMISSIONER PITTS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call

CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM PRESENT.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Sarmiento – Acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Asuncion for his brief service on the Commission having accepted an advancement opportunity arising after his recent appointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Morse – Recommended the Commission make 2026 the best year ever.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Commission to Address Homelessness Update

a. Membership Update

Commission Director Doug Becht announced the reappointment of Supervisors Sarmiento and Nguyen to the Commission and shared the resignation of Commissioner James Vanderpool from his role as City Manager for the City of Anaheim. Commissioner Vanderpool served as the North Service Planning Area Representative for the Commission and his resignation as City Manager thereby additionally vacates his seat on the Commission.

b. CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Commission Director Doug Becht updated the Commission with information on the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026, which includes provisions for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to expedite the renewal of FY2025 CoC program following and directs HUD to release the FY 2026 NOFO by June 1st and make awards by December 1st.

2. Office of Care Coordination Update

a. CoC Board Membership Updates

Commission Director Doug Becht provided an update on the CoC Board Officer appointments for 2026 and distributed a roster of the current CoC Board membership.

b. OC Same-Day Solutions Fair

Commission Director Doug Becht informed the Commission that the OC Same-Day Solutions Fair, which was originally scheduled for November 2025 but was cancelled due to inclement weather, has been rescheduled. The rescheduled event, planned in conjunction with HIS-OC and Commissioner Trejo, will take place in Placentia on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at the Placentia Presbyterian Church. The Office of Care Coordination is continuing to plan future OC Same-Day Solutions Fairs and has partnered with The HUB OC in Orange

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to host an event every other month on their campus. The Office of Care Coordination will continue to schedule additional OC Same-Day Solutions Fairs throughout 2026. Currently, future dates include March 30th at The HUB OC in Orange, April 14th in Costa Mesa and May 13th at The HUB OC in Orange.

c. 2026 Point in Time Count

Commission Director Doug Becht thanked the volunteers and coordinating organizations for their help with a successful 2026 Point In Time (PIT) Count. Doug thanked all of the Commissioners who were able to participate in the PIT Count and those who were able to send staff to volunteer. He also thanked those who helped with the planning and coordination of the event including County colleagues, CalOptima Health and Commissioner Kelly Bruno-Nelson, OC United Way and Commissioner Parks, City Net, the Hub for Urban Initiatives, the Orange County CoC Board, and all 34 cities in Orange County.

d. Homeless Prevention Framework Project

Commission Director Doug Becht announced that the Office of Care Coordination is working with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to conduct a landscape analysis of the different homelessness prevention resources in Orange County.

3. Commissioner Spotlight – Commissioner Veronica Kelley, Behavioral Health Representative
Commissioner Kelley presented on her role as Director of Orange County Health Care Agency and the services the agency provides to Orange County including Behavioral Health, Correctional Health, Public Health and Specialized Medical Services including emergency medical services, employee health, and the Office of Public Guardian.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Membership Recommendation

- a. Approve recommendations for appointment of the following candidates to serve on the Commission to Address Homelessness as detailed below to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
- i. Adam Foster, Chief of Police for the City of La Habra, as the Chief of Police Representative
 - ii. Gina Cunningham, Executive Director of HomeAid OCLA, as the Affordable Housing Development Industry Representative
 - iii. Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Executive Director of CalOptima Health, as the Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative
- b. Approve launch of recruitment process to evaluate and make recommendations for appointment for the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department Representative.

On the motion of Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Commissioner Parks, the Commission approved 4(a) as recommended.

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On the motion of Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Commissioner Rios-Faust, the Commission approved 4(b) as recommended.

5. Nominate and appoint 2026 Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission to Address Homelessness

On the motion of Chair Sarmiento, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, the Commission nominated and appointed Commissioner Cunningham as Chair and Commissioner Hurst as Vice Chair of the Commission.

6. Approve 2025 Commission to Address Homelessness Annual Report for submission to the Board of Supervisors.

On the motion of Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Commissioner Rios-Faust, the Commission approved as recommended.

7. Approve revised Commission to Address Homelessness 2026 Meeting Schedule Calendar amending the December meeting date from December 16, 2026 to December 9, 2026.

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

8. Approve Commission to Address Homelessness minutes from the December 11, 2025 regular meeting.

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

ADJOURNED: 2:37 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2026, 1:00 P.M.



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



Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento
Chair