

VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS
brch.lacounty.gov

To participate: Click [BRCH Meeting](#) to register and join via computer or smart phone.
When prompted, enter the Event Number: 2598 514 5720 and Event Password: brch111721

To provide live public comment, if you are calling in to the meeting, you may make public comment by dialing *3 on your phone during the item on which you wish to comment.

To listen only via telephone: Call (213)-306-3065, Access Code: 259 851 45720 Password: 27241117

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 9:00 A.M.



Members:

Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault, Co-Chair Christian Horvath, Commissioner Theane Evangelis,
Commissioner Wendy Greuel, Commissioner LaCheryl Porter, Commissioner Marcel Rodarte,
Commissioner Vanessa Sedano, and Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

AGENDA POSTED: November 12, 2021

LOBBYIST REGISTRATION: Any person who seeks support or endorsement from the Commission on any official action may be subject to the provisions of Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.160 relating to lobbyists. Violation of the lobbyist ordinance may result in a fine and other penalty. For information, call (213) 974-1093.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Please telephone (213) 974-1431 (voice) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, or email: BRCH@brch.lacounty.gov. Para Información en español, por favor comuníquese a la oficina de Servicios de Comisión al numero (213) 974-1431 entre 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. lunes a Viernes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: For those who wish to provide live public comment, you can join the WebEx through your computer or smartphone via the online link [BRCH Meeting](#). Public comment should not exceed ONE minute per agenda item. You may provide written public comments by email to BRCH@brch.lacounty.gov. The deadline to submit written public comment will be Tuesday, November 16, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. Please include the agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Speakers must reserve commentary to items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please note that the chair of the meeting reserves the right to reduce or extend the amount of time for public comment based upon the number of speakers. All correspondence received shall become part of the official record.

NOTE: Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness may announce a 15-minute recess during the meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call. (21-4452)

I. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendation: Receive and file Item Nos. 6 through 9 from the November 3, 2021 Agenda where no quorum existed: (21-4499)
 6. Presentation and discussion by the Helpline Youth Counseling: Jeff Farber, Executive Director; and Cristina Ramirez, Director of Homelessness. (21-4207)
 7. Presentation and discussion by The Shower of Hope: Mel Tillekeratne, Executive Director and Co-Founder. (21-4167)
 8. Presentation and discussion by Union Station Homeless Services: Anne Miskey, Chief Executive Officer; and Shawn Morrissey, Senior Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement. (21-4215)
 9. Presentation and discussion by Downtown Women’s Center: Amy Turk, Chief Executive Officer. (21-4214)

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

2. Recommendation: Receive and file all presentations that will be presented on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. (21-4500)

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

3. Presentation and discussion by Whole Child - Constanza Pachon, MBA, Chief Executive Officer. [10 minutes] (21-4308)

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

4. Presentation and discussion on approaches to increase access to and improve the effectiveness of substances abuse services - Gary Tsai, M.D., Director, Department of Public Health. [30 minutes] (21-4453)
Attachments: [Los Angeles County's Specialty Substance Use Disorder Treatment System October 18, 2021 - Article by Sam Quinonez](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
5. Presentation and discussion by Bridge to Home - Mike Foley, Executive Director. [10 minutes] (21-4454)
Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
6. Presentation and discussion by The People Concern - John Maceri, Chief Executive Officer. [10 minutes] (21-4457)
Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
7. Presentation and discussion on approaches to increase access to and improve the effectiveness of mental health services – Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Department of Mental Health. [30 minutes] (21-4455)
Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
8. Presentation on “We’re Not Giving Up: A Plan for Homelessness Governance in Los Angeles” - Miguel Santana, Chair, The Committee for Greater Los Angeles and Raphael J. Sonenshein, Ph.D., Executive Director, Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs California State Los Angeles. [30 minutes] (21-4456)
Attachments: [We're Not Giving Up: Plan for Homelessness Governance in Los Angeles Supporting Document](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
9. Presentation and discussion by the City of Pomona - Donyielle Holley, Homeless Programs Supervisor. [10 minutes] (21-4476)
Attachments: [City of Pomona Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
10. Presentation and discussion by Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission - Ken Craft, Founder and Chief Executive Officer. [10 minutes] (21-4458)
Attachments: [Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11. Recommendation: Approval of the October 20, 2021, regular meeting minutes. (Continued from the meeting 11-03-2021) (21-4168)
Attachments: [October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
12. Recommendation: Approval of the November 3, 2021, regular meeting minutes. (21-4459)
Attachments: [November 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
13. Discussion on Ad Hoc Committees and/or Survey Tool to solicit three (3) to five (5) components of what a governance model may include from the following Committees or a Survey to solicit similar information: (Continued from the meeting 11-03-2021)
- a. Racial Equity, including Black people experiencing homelessness
 - b. Lived Experience
 - c. Council of Governments (21-4218)
- Attachments:** [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
14. Recommendation: Propose evening meeting on January 5, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Continued from the meeting 11-03-2021) (21-4216)
Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
15. Recommendation: Propose additional meetings on December 8, 2021 and January 12, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (21-4460)
Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)
16. Recommendation: Propose additional commission meetings for discussion by Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness on Themes/Problems and Recommendations. (Continued from the meeting 11-03-2021) (21-4217)
Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

17. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (21-4449)

Public Comment

18. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (Commission) on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

You may submit public comment by email to BRCH@brch.lacounty.gov

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled meeting. Please include the Agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Correspondence received shall become part of the official record. (21-4450)

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

Adjournment

19. Adjournment for the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness meeting of November 17, 2021. (21-4451)