



**Agenda
City of Vernon
Special Veterans Housing Temporary
Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 05, 2020, 10:00 AM
City Hall, Council Chamber
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, California**

**Leticia Lopez, Chair
Melissa Ybarra, Vice Chair
William Davis, Committee Member
Carol Menke, Committee Member
Diana Gonzales, Committee Member**

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CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time the public is encouraged to address the Committee on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. The public will also be given a chance to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during Committee deliberation on those specific matters.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **City Administration**

[Veterans Housing as a Component of a Mixed-Use Specific Plan](#)

Recommendation:

Hold a discussion and provide feedback on the integration of veterans housing in the development of a mixed-use specific plan for the west side of Vernon.

2. **City Administration**

[Santa Ana Veterans Village Housing Project](#)

Recommendation:


Hold a discussion and provide feedback to staff on Santa Ana's Veterans Village housing solution.

ORAL REPORTS

Brief Reports, Announcements, or Directives to Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 30th day of April, 2020.

By: 
Sandra Dolson, Administrative Secretary

Veterans Housing Temporary Advisory Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. COV-169-2020
Submitted by: Diana Figueroa
Submitting Department: City Administration
Meeting Date: May 5, 2020

SUBJECT

Veterans Housing as a Component of a Mixed-Use Specific Plan

Recommendation:

Hold a discussion and provide feedback on the integration of veterans housing in the development of a mixed-use specific plan for the west side of Vernon..

Background:

At its January 7, 2020 meeting, the City Council established a Temporary Advisory Committee comprised of the entire Vernon City Council body for the sole purpose of evaluating the prospect and feasibility of veteran housing opportunities in Vernon. Based on the City's current limited zones designated for residential use, re-zoning and other land use studies would be necessary to determine a suitable location for a veteran housing development.

This process of assessing the feasibility and prospects for the development of veterans housing in Vernon will be carried out as part of the City's comprehensive mixed-use plan. Establishing a mixed-use specific plan is an important step in determining the viability of a veterans housing project as studies and data collection will identify various opportunities and constraints that the City may leverage to enable successful developments within City limits.

With its proximity to the Arts District and the rest of Downtown Los Angeles, the west side of Vernon presents significant opportunity for new development. Public Works Director Dan Wall will provide an overview of the City's plan and goals to re-vitalize the west side of Vernon, and specifically, how veterans housing can be incorporated into the mixed-use plan.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated to this report.

Attachments:

Veterans Housing Temporary Advisory Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. COV-170-2020

Submitted by: Diana Figueroa

Submitting Department: City Administration

Meeting Date: May 5, 2020

SUBJECT

Santa Ana Veterans Village Housing Project

Recommendation:

Hold a discussion and provide feedback to staff on Santa Ana's Veterans Village housing solution.

Background:

In consideration of the expressed interest in exploring opportunities related to veterans housing, City staff has invited the City of Santa Ana to provide valuable project-specific insight to the Veterans Housing Temporary Advisory Committee. Santa Ana's Veteran's Village has been called a "sanctuary of stability and hub of hope" by media – such as the Orange County Register and ABC7.

Santa Ana's Veterans Village is a three-story, 75-unit supportive housing development. Families at Veterans Village have immediate access to critical onsite supportive services, including employment assessment, training, and job placement as well as much-needed mental health services.

Santa Ana's Veterans Village is an example of a unique solution to modern veterans housing. The presentation is designed to offer a conceptual framework for the potential development of veterans housing in Vernon.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated to this report.

Attachments: