



# A G E N D A

## REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

County Conference Center  
Room 104/106

425 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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### COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

**Vicente Sarmiento, Chair**  
*Supervisor, Second District*

**Janet Nguyen**  
*Supervisor, First District*

**Jason Ivins**  
*Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative*

**Adam Hawley**  
*Chief of Police Representative*

**Jim Vanderpool**  
*North Service Planning Area Representative*

**Debra Rose**  
*South Service Planning Area Representative*

**Cecilia Bustamante-Pixa**  
*Hospital Representative*

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

**Susan Parks**  
*Philanthropic Leader Representative*

**Paul Watt**  
*At-Large Representative*

**Robert Morse**  
*Continuum of Care Board Representative*

**Commission Director**  
Doug Becht, Director of Care Coordination

**Jack Toan, Vice Chair**  
*Business Representative*

**Todd Spitzer**  
*Orange County District Attorney*

**Sean deMetropolis**  
*Municipal Fire Department Representative*

**Monique Davis**  
*Business Representative*

**Lisa Kim**  
*Central Service Planning Area Representative*

**Gina Cunningham**  
*Affordable Housing Development Representative*

**Richard Afable**  
*Behavioral Health Representative*

**Benjamin Hurst**  
*Faith-Based Community Representative*

**Milo Peinemann**  
*At-Large Representative*

**Maricela Rios-Faust**  
*Continuum of Care Board Representative*

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

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<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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Office of Care Coordination Update
  - a. Board of Supervisors Actions
    - i. Small-Scale Housing Unit Report
    - ii. Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws Revision
  - b. OC Same Day Solutions Fair
  - c. Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program
2. 2025 Homeless Survey
3. Commissioner Spotlight – Commissioner Gina Cunningham, HomeAid Orange County

## **PRESENTATIONS**

4. Federal Legislative Update presented by Peter DeMarco, Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office and Ben Goldeen, Federal Advocacy Director, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.
5. Orange County District Attorney's Homeless Outreach and Recidivism Reduction Efforts presented by Todd Spitzer, Orange County District Attorney (DA); Suzie Price, Sr. Assistant DA; Tamika Williams, Assistant DA

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

6. Nominate and appoint the 2025 Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission to End Homelessness.
7. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the December 11, 2024, regular meeting.
8. Approve Orange County Continuum of Care Board and the Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the January 16, 2025, joint special meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** April 16, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

# Agenda Item 7



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

**County Conference Center**  
Room 104/106  
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**Vicente Sarmiento, Chair**  
*Supervisor, Second District*

**Donald P. Wagner**  
*Supervisor, Third District*

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ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Bruno-Nelson, Cunningham, Davis, deMetropolis, Hawley, Hurst, Ivins, Kim, Morse, Parks, Peinemann, Rios-Faust, Sarmiento, Price (Spitzer), Toan, Vanderpool, Wagner and Wyatt

ABSENT: Commissioners Afable, Bustamante-Pixa and Rose

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

Call to Order

**CHAIRMAN SARMIENTO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:06 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**COMMISSIONER MORSE LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Roll Call

**CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM WAS MET.**

# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

## COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Chair Sarmiento – Recognized staff and noted key accomplishments of the Commission in 2024, including collaborating with City of Anaheim for inclement weather emergency shelter and thanking the City of Fullerton for collaborating the prior year; the launch of the Homelessness Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program to provide resources for individuals and families at risk of homelessness; recognized the work of the Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc; the work of the Commission providing recommendations that help to shape and evolves into real policy and direction for funding and programs that address homelessness.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve revisions to the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws to make changes to the name, mission, purpose and function, membership, and duties of members, as recommended by the Bylaw Ad Hoc to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.  
**ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PARKS, WITH COMMISSIONER WYATT VOTING NO, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.**
2. 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 End Homelessness seats to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.  
**ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER PARKS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RIOS-FAUST, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.**
3. Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc Recommendations
  - a. Receive and file the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report as prepared by the Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc.
  - b. Approve recommendation to submit the Small-Scale Housing Unit Report to the Board of Supervisors for policy consideration.**ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DAVIS, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.**
4. Approve proposed Commission to End Homelessness 2025 Meeting Schedule Calendar.  
**ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BRUNO-NELSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PARKS, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.**

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5. Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the October 2, 2024, regular meeting.  
**ON THE MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BRUNO-NELSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TOAN, THE COMMISSION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED.**

### PRESENTATION

6. Housing Authorities Overview – Rental Assistance Programs and Affordable Housing presented by Julia Bidwell and January Johnson, Orange County Housing Authority; Grace Stepter and Kerrin Cardwell, Anaheim Housing Authority; Judson Brown and Maria Hodson, Santa Ana Housing Authority; and Monica Covarrubias and Thyana Phi, Garden Grove Housing Authority.

**PRESENTATION PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM, PROJECT BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM AND THE OTHER SPECIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE FOUR ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITIES.**

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Office of Care Coordination Update
- a. Homeless Court Resource Fair
  - b. 2025 Survey
  - c. Homeless Prevention and Stabilization Pilot Program

**COMMISSION DIRECTOR DOUG BECHT UPDATED THE COMMISSION ON THE OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION ATTENDING THE HOMELESS COURT POP-UP RESOURCE FAIR IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO ARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INVOLVED AND PLANS TO HOST A SIMILAR EVENT IN ORANGE COUNTY; THE 2025 SURVEY IS IN PROCESS WITH CITY NET AND THE OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION WILL SEEK FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMISSION IN THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR; THE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND STABILIZATION PILOT PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.**

**ADJOURNED:** 3:01 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 19, 2025, 1:00 P.M.

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*Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento*  
*Chair*

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

# Agenda Item 8



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES



## JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, January 16, 2025, 10:30 am

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

Call to Order

CLERK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:32 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

DIRECTOR OF CARE COORDINATION DOUG BECHT LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call

CLERK CALLED THE ROLL AND CONFIRMED QUORUM FOR THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alan Achterberg – provided public comment on ongoing legal issues he has identified within the Orange County Homeless System and shared his personal experience.

### **COMMISSION AND CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

None

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. 2025 Homeless Survey

DIRECTOR OF CARE COORDINATION DOUG BECHT SHARED KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE 2023 HOMELESS SURVEY THE 2024 POINT IN TIME COUNT AND FACILITATED THE DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK SESSION REGARDING THE 2025 HOMELESS SURVEY; FEEDBACK FROM COMMISSIONERS AND CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDED: SUGGESTIONS FOR WORDING OF THE QUESTIONS, ANSWER CHOICES AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS; TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE LENGTH OF TIME SURVEY WILL TAKE; TO PROVIDE AN INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT WITH THE GIFT CARD; TO ENSURE SURVEY LANGUAGE IS SENSITIVE TO THOSE WITH DISABILITIES; AND TO DEVELOP AN AFTER ACTION STRATEGY.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:59 a.m.