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**MEMO**

**To:** Dan Flaming and Paul Tepper  
**From:** José Quiñonez  
**Date:** March 8, 2004  
**CC:**  
**Re:** Notes for Bring LA Home Carson Community Meeting

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**Meeting Overview**

Date: February 24, 2004  
Start Time: 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Carson Community Center  
Attendance: 13 persons

**Meeting Notes**

- I. Welcome – Mitchell Netburn and Bob Erlenbusch
- II. Bring LA Home Overview
- III. Reading of Mission Statement
- IV. Review of Meeting Agenda
- V. Presentation of *Homeless in LA* – Dan Flaming
- VI. Public Comments

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
James Hanson	Thanks for the data. There are 540 units of housing in San Pedro because of the Navy left the naval base. There are 200 units that are in perfect condition and that may be used for housing families. This process has been held up and the Secretary of the Navy should make a decision.
Dorothy Freeman	There is a section 8 problem. How will you handle that? How will you place people in housing? Who gets priority?
Dana Knoll	I'm here to speak on the Skid Row Homeless Health Collaborative. We are seeking to collaborate with more providers. The focus of the program is primary care.
Mark Lewis	City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils need to be on Bring LA Home. I recommend that we be proactive with other base closures to secure the housing instead of letting 6 years go by before anything is done. Homeless issues have come up at neighborhood councils. The parking of motor homes on small streets is a problem here. San Pedro feels we are inundated with services. Empty warehouses at the harbor can be converted into shelters. But some people don't want to go into shelters. I was homeless for three years and living in a garage before I went back to school. I used to live in

	Carson.
Lu Watson	There is an influx of homeless people in our area. They are flooding the community. The sheriff department dumps folks at shelters in South LA. Are facilities going to be supervised? People running shelters are just in it for the money. People who are in shelters roam the streets. People in the community are upset. The PATH Mall is a shining example but not all facilities are run that way. How can we get assurances that this is what everyone is going to get?
Mark Lewis	Offer a rating system for shelters so that we can tell which are good operators.
Carmen Treviño	We have received funding from LAHSA for move-in assistance. We help families move into permanent housing and find employment. There are few shelters that serve the entire family.
Davina Vivar	Questions about the report: Do you have to have an address to receive DPSS help? If people have an eviction how will they be able to rent an apartment? For single mothers it seems more beneficial to quit your job and get on TANF. Not every city has a shelter, what incentives exist for cities to build shelters?
Mark Lewis	We should have federal level rent-guarantees similar to the FHA loan guarantee to help people with evictions rent housing.
Mike Antwine	I'm the CDBG coordinator for Gardena and we don't have a shelter. People don't want them in their neighborhood.
Lu Watson	When are the focus groups going to be held. You should announce the meetings on the DONE website.