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To: Dan Flaming and Paul Tepper
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Re: Notes for Bring LA Home HOP / ICS Meeting

Meeting Overview

Date: February 25, 2004
 Start Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Location: HOP / ICS
 Attendance: 40 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

Speaker	Comments
Nancy Johnson	Personal story – on February 2003 I was incarcerated. I was trying to arranged for housing before I was discharged and I didn't want to leave Twin Towers until I found housing. On June 2003 I walked into New Way of Life. I became clean and sober, earned three different certificates and made me a better person.
Sandra Cannon	Spirituality is important. If you don't believe in a higher power you'll do what you want to do. You gotta suit up and go to resources. You have to find out if people want to get help first and foremost.
Rodney Brown	Apartment owners aren't informed of rehab programs. Tenants don't want to rent places because they are uninhabitable. There are many vacancies because of this. Target slumlords to better their places and increase housing standards. This will create places for people to go who are coming out of transitional housing.
Ruth Mayfield	I came from a homeless shelter. I have been clean and sober for 5 years now. New Way of Life helped me. We need more people to reach out to us.
Pat Parker	There are many vacant lots and abandoned buildings. Have the city and county run programs on government property. We are coming to a point where many prisoners will

	be released, what will we do? Who is speaking to the chronic homeless? We need to give people a sense of hope and sense of values. What about my soul? Small grassroots organizations like New Way of Life are not getting funding.
Bryan Gaines	I am a produce of the LA Drug Court. I was homeless and on crack. It has been 17 years since I have been off the streets. I am a graduate of USC where I received by BA in Sociology. I'm currently in graduate school. We need more people to reach out to persons with substance abuse problems. Recover is possible. Stacking people up 5 to a room is not recovery. Where is the money coming from?
Donald Malone	We have a big problem in South LA. We don't have enough housing. You can provide services but where is the housing? We have never had the homes for the homeless. If we have 33% of the homeless, do we have 33% of the money? Where are we going? What has changed? PATH can house 300 we can't house 23. Lets look at housing for our people that need help.
Emmanuel Tula	I have already sent Councilmember Ludlow a letter on this issue. I've been providing low-cost housing in this community. My first confrontation with HUD led to the statement that we don't want low income people coming to this place. We were sent packing by them sending all kinds of inspectors on us. We moved and the next confrontation happened with neighboring landlords on 1930 S. Oxford Street. Neighbors made others understand that homeless people would be here. We received a compliance order from Building and Safety. We have to evict everyone. What exactly is the standard of housing that you want to provide to the homeless?
Susan Burton	I'm the Executive Director of New Way of Life. I have the core belief that every human being has value. People in each community are the ones that have to bring their community back to health. People have to be connected to services.
Iris Leary	Program Manager at HOP Drop In Center. Since July we have almost 400 clients now. We see all types of homeless people but we need more resources. People on SSI can only live on Skid Row. There is no SRO housing in South LA. People have resources but they have evictions on their records. We need move-in assistance funds.
Trevor Leroy Greg	I'm a recovering addict. Substance abuse is a problem. Thousands of proposals are being turned down and going to established organizations. Small organizations need money too. Deal with all populations and providers.
Gary Tillman	Recovering addict. We can provide places for people but our environment (drugs, gangs, prostitution) may force people bac to what they were doing. Let me keep something in my pocket after getting out of the jungle. I need affordable education to take care of myself. I don't want to return to the jungle.
Fannie Upshaw	How are you to address the section 8 discontinuation?
Stan Dials	Youth and elderly are not being discussed or helped. If you are on the streets then you are a victim.