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To: Mitchell Netburn

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Re: Notes for Bring LA Home Van Nuys Community Meeting

Meeting Overview

Date: November 19, 2003

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center

Attendance: 30 persons

Meeting Notes

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

Speaker	Comments
John Horn	The goal for all individuals and families living in shelters and transitional housing should be homeownership.
Martha Gonzalez	There is not sufficient housing for homeless youth. There should be a slow graduation to permanent housing for homeless youth.
Chuck Suhayda	More service enriched housing is needed. Modular housing provides affordable costs to developers at approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 per unit.
Martha Gonzalez	Not enough services available for persons being discharged from jail. Discharge planning is not presently effective. More mental health services are needed. More street outreach.
John Horn	Lack of child care prevents many family heads from obtaining and maintaining long-term employment.
Speaker	Provide gas cards to persons with vehicles to be able to pay for gasoline enabling them to get to work.
Martin Early	Chrysalis has had great success in placing people into work. Homeless individuals need

	resources to obtain work (phone, transportation, work clothes, etc.).
John Horn	Mental health services are not being provided to all persons that are in need of them.
Tanya	Most difficult homeless persons to help are out-of-towners.
Speaker – Women’s Care Cottage	Many mental health service providers cannot help individuals referred to them because the homeless individual declares himself/herself as not mentally ill.
Chuck Suhayda	The mental health system needs reform. Unless one is a threat to oneself or others it seems as though they can’t get help. Too much burden is placed on the health consumer in order to provide mental health services.
Martha Gonzalez	Don’t have notes for her comments here.
John Horn	Winter shelter is very important. Siting of a winter shelter is problematic. Locating a warehouse or building is difficult.
Martha Gonzalez	McClaren Hall should be converted for use as housing.