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Councilmember Paul Krekorian
200 N. Spring St., Room 435
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

Our Ad Hoc Committee was commissioned in October of 2020 by the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council. The committee is composed of local stakeholders who are knowledgeable about and hold diverse opinions on positive solutions to homelessness in the area and in relation to the Tiny Homes Village project at Alexandria Park.

The committee's objective, with input from local stakeholders including residents, businesses, Neighborhood Council members and community organizations, was to make recommendations regarding ongoing benefits to the community via a Community Benefit Agreement between our committee and The Office of City Councilmember Paul Krekorian regarding homelessness in the area, including management of the Tiny Homes Village project.

The attached agreement expands upon our recommendations below:

1. Greater coordination and communication between the Councilmember's office, service providers, and volunteer organizations on conducting outreach and intakes.
2. Educate the public on ways they can help, or request aid for, persons experiencing homelessness in their area (Call 211 to connect families with CES, create an outreach request at www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/, donate goods and food, etc.).
3. Strict enforcement of Building and Safety codes by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office of violations within the Valley Plaza parcel
4. Establishment of Safe Parking Site in Council District 2 as close to site as possible
5. Regular communication and coordination between private security, Tiny Homes Village Security and LAPD, facilitated by this committee, including frequent, scheduled check ins with the Senior Lead Officer for North Hollywood



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6. Council District 2 agrees to invest in Supplemental Outreach Teams for conducting additional engagement and presence on weekends and after-hours overtime budgets and after-hours overtime budgets for LAPD Officers who wish to support these activities.
7. Creation of MOU to facilitate regular, scheduled maintenance of the 170 embankment by CALTRANS crews, for the purpose of collecting debris for LASEN to haul away
8. Coordination of Veteran services with LA County Veterans Peer Access Network and designated service provider for Supervisorial District 3
9. Coordination with non-profits, municipal agencies, and local treatment centers to provide outreach and counseling efforts to unhoused persons unable to reside in the Tiny Home infrastructure due to substance abuse.
10. A commitment to using QUIMBY funds to restore Alexandria Park for the enjoyment of the community after project duration.

We look forward to working with your office, Hope of the Valley, the City of Los Angeles and local stakeholders toward implementation of the above. Long term, it is our expectation that our elected leaders at the city, county and state levels continue to actively pursue additional sites for permanent supportive housing with the community's timely participation and feedback once the city's Bridge Home sites have termed out of their project duration.

We now hope to transition to an ongoing community partner that serves as a liaison with the greater North Hollywood/Valley Glen community surrounding the issue of addressing homelessness in the region.

Sincerely,

Andrea Schmitt

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