

West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness

Who – We are mostly Neighborhood Council members and concerned stakeholders, social services agencies, interfaith groups who have gathered together with the support of local elected officials to inform each other and the general public on the current state of services and housing for our homelessness crisis.

What – Neighborhood Councils are uniquely positioned to draw interest from both stakeholders and elected officials in the West Valley to increase knowledge of this complex issue while encouraging solution focused, forward movement to end homelessness in the West SFV.

Where – West of the 405. Homelessness is a regional problem requiring a regional solution. One neighborhood alone would be challenged to end homelessness in their area without the cooperation of adjacent communities. Cooperation among several Neighborhood Councils in distinct areas maximizes resources without being overwhelmed with too large of an area.

When – Our group began December 2017 at Supervisor Kuehl's West Valley Office. A new iteration began in December 2018 with greater expansion into the entire West Valley, stretching into the northern and eastern parts of the San Fernando Valley. Currently, WVNAH is meeting monthly with the planning, scheduling and execution of multiple informational events in progress.

Why – Homelessness is at crisis levels in the City of Los Angeles. Measure H and Prop HHH are now gathering funds with multiple governmental agencies setting aside large budgets to solve homelessness. Neighborhood Councils should be actively involved in determining the solutions, overseeing expenditures and participating in our community's current lively debate on homeless issues.

How – By gathering resources, i.e. neighborhood council members, services agencies, elected offices, faith communities and stakeholders in the West San Fernando Valley, we hope to inform each other and the general public about the City's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy, current availability of homeless services and housing in the West SFV through ongoing interactive events to increase knowledge and understanding about homeless solutions.