

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
August 10, 2020, 1:00-2:30pm
Zoom Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Devin Drake Janna Nichols Mariam Shah Scott Smith Susan Funk			George Solis Grace McIntosh Jessica Lorange Laurel Weir Lisa Howe Russ Francis
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Mariam called the meeting to order and explained that this special meeting was called to discuss the eviction ban due to terminate on August 14 th . Supervisor Gibson has expressed concerns about the impact this could have on the county, with a number of people facing imminent loss of housing. This meeting of the Executive Committee was convened to give some direction for the special meeting of the full HSOC called for Friday 14.		
2. Public Comment	No public comment.		
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes			Janna made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Devin. All were in favor, with none opposed and no abstentions.

4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1. Discussion Item: Lifting of the Statewide Eviction Ban as of August 14 th	<p>Laurel provided some background on the eviction ban. Different sources of data give different estimates of how many people and households could be affected. Estimates range from 450 to 15,000 impacted households across the county. Janna shared that 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) are seeing many more requests for support, and not only for the clients in lower income rental properties who have traditionally accessed 5CHC's services. Scott shared that HASLO has seen rising costs in their Section 8 program, by nearly \$70 per client, nearly all COVID-related. The program is running out of money and is not going to last the whole calendar year.</p> <p>The Committee discussed options to take to the full HSOC, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking the Board of Supervisors to pass a County moratorium on evictions. The Committee discussed whether the County has the legislative authority to do this. • Asking the Board to support legislation currently pending at the State level which would extend the moratorium. • Recommending that a section be added to the ReadySLO website, to provide a single source of authoritative information about evictions and landlord/tenant issues. However, the ReadySLO site was intended to be specific to County actions, so this may not be the most appropriate place. • Solutions that effectively protect smaller landlords, who are dependent on rental income and may otherwise face foreclosure. Laurel to talk to Supervisor Gibson about this. • Asking the Board to enforce a County-wide mask 	

	mandate, as the driving factor underneath all of the issues is the pandemic which is preventing people being able to return to work.	
4.2. Discussion Item: California Emergency Solutions and Housing Grant Round 2	<p>The Committee discussed priorities for the second round of CESH (California Emergency Solutions and Housing) funding. The first round prioritized Coordinated Entry. There is also a need to set aside funds for updating the Ten Year Plan.</p> <p>Laurel shared that the Finance & Data Committee recommended modifying the existing HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) rather than changing vendor, particularly as this is not a priority for HUD (Department of Housing & Urban Development) any more; and setting aside part of the first round of CESH funding for the Ten Year Plan.</p> <p>The Committee was in favor of keeping Coordinated Entry as the main priority for this funding, and using additional funds for subsidizing operating costs or shallow rental subsidies for Permanent Housing.</p>	
4.3. Discussion Item: Encampment Updates	<p>Mariam shared that Supervisor Gibson is very concerned about encampment issues in Los Osos and Paso Robles. Susan shared that she had called Paso Robles City Council to inform them of the discussion around encampments at the last full HSOC meeting, and to clearly make the point that they needed to find a place for displaced people from the riverbed to go. Atascadero is now seeing an increase in homeless people as a result of the City of Paso Robles clearing the riverbed.</p>	
4.4. Discussion Item: Committee Reports	Committee Reports will be covered on Friday's full HSOC meeting.	

5. Next Meeting Date: August 19, 2020		
6. Adjournment	Mariam adjourned the meeting at 2pm.	