

**Internal Task Force on Homelessness  
Teleconference Meeting Notes**

**2/25/21**

I. Welcome & Purpose

II. Department Updates

**Code Enforcement:** Hacienda visit with the SDSO & Code Enforcement Manager, ongoing issue, some progress at Smart & Final site daily checks and connecting with the Security on site. Vale Terrace is still an issue, Old Walgreens site – checking daily, hot spot for congregating.

Getting encampments cleaned and then having individuals lingering with debris, back to back clean from day to day. Similar observation between private and public.

Vale Terrace – hoping to see change/clean up in the coming days.

Cube Smart – everything/creek bed area should be cleaned up. Individuals aren't going anywhere just sticking around. Hacienda will have a substantial clean-up for this site. Will require Aztec.

**Public Works:** Hacienda site near Food for Less near the fire area. Will spend 2 weeks of Public Work's time cleaning this site. Code and Sheriff's department will go out frequently and post 72-hour notices for clean-up scheduled for Monday. We do not need to repost if we go out and we are doing ongoing clean up. Sign is posted in English and Spanish. If someone's property is on the sidewalk, we do not need to post as items are in City right-of-way. If there is an immediate danger for pedestrians, we can call Deputies to go out and make contact. Detention Center is not going to take anyone for blocking the sidewalks.

**City Attorney's Office:** Attorneys, City Manager & Sheriff's office met. Pursuing ideas for prevention of encampment clean ups. Not able to prosecute trespassing but may do some stay away orders.

- **Assistant City Manager:** Stay away order for private property owners. This is a Civil Restraining Order that a private landowner can request from the court. This makes any offense a bookable charge. The Judge will order a XY feet stay away order. Deputies can then place individuals under custody with this as a violation of court order.
- **Attorney:** Stay away order is not as easy as it sounds. There has to be threat or violence. There could be cases if the property owner feels threatened or harassed. The City or Sheriff can not advise any property owner of legal advice. It is a possibility, particularly if a property owner is afraid or feels threatened or business owners are losing business. This has to be a specific person, not as general as a blanket no Trespass.
- **Economic Development:** Spoke with the property owner at Burlington. Discussed fencing and private security.
- **Code Enforcement:** The Burlington property owner has been very responsive and has already signed the NO TRESPASS Order.
- **Public Works:** 9 Tons of trash cleaned up from the BPO, included the cleanup of the Hazardous Waste. 45 carts cleaned up at the most recent shopping cart clean up.

CalTrans site – doing more clean ups, social worker is going out. IHOP site cleaned up. Drone? Send dates and times to Sheriff to schedule drone visits.

**Mobile Crisis Response Team** – beginning 7 days a week at the end of the month. Goal is to de-escalate crisis. They have a vehicle to transport individuals. Connect people to stabilize. Alternative to PERT. Responses within 1 hour. Individuals 18 years and over. Accessing traditional outpatient services. Not for people who are at immediate risk of harming themselves or anyone else. If there is a DV situation this would not qualify.

**Exodus**– Some successes in homeless outreach. Two men who were staying in Brengle. One is in treatment and housing and another is in a shelter and about to get employment. These two cases were an anomaly. Many outreach clients are not as quick or responsive to shelter. The typical outreach client has a stronger focus on short term, quick goals. This morning's outreach at the Hacienda encampment went well. This coordination was successful from the social worker's perspective.