

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Agenda Item #9

Whereas Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles and various other public and private entities will “focus funds on chronically homeless and public officials and private donors will spend \$105 million on more than a thousand chronic street dwellers” [Los Angeles Times article By Alexandra Zavis, posted 6:59 PM PDT, August 15, 2012]; and

Whereas the siting of such housing with appropriate support to transition the chronic homeless to a stable living environment is of paramount importance to Neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles; and

Whereas the purchase of low density property is the biggest lifetime investment most families will ever make in the City of Los Angeles; and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles Department of Building And Safety has opined there is no limit to the occupancy of a single family dwelling; and

Whereas Neighborhoods have a right to know what decision making process will be employed to site such homes in low density Neighborhoods; how such homes and the resources needed to sustain them will be funded long term; whether the number of such homes per block will be limited; what the occupancy level of such homes will be; and which agency/agencies/not for profits will be directly accountable to the community wherein such homes are located once established

Therefore the Westwood Neighborhood Council calls for the complete transparency of this process, including full disclosure and accountability to the public and to Neighborhood and Community Councils concerning:

1. How and where chronic homeless with mental health issues would be placed and spaced and supervised in low density Neighborhoods
2. How and where parolee/probation homes would be placed and spaced and supervised in low density Neighborhoods
3. How and where so called ‘wet houses’ [homes where chronic drug and alcohol abusers can use off the street] would be placed and spaced and supervised in low density Neighborhoods