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"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government,
then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools."

CWP~ Plato



**January 25 - 27
2022**

2022 Greater LA Homeless Count Preparations Begin

Preparations for the 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count are officially underway! Recently, there was a virtual launch with over 200 stakeholders from across the Greater Los Angeles area where the latest developments for the upcoming count were shared. You can watch the launch video at bit.ly/3xHVJ9L

The 2022 Greater LA Homeless Count will be held between Tuesday, January 25 to Thursday, January 27. Register for the Count by going to www.theycountwillyou.org.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each Continuum of Care (CoC) to hold a biennial Point-In-Time (PIT) Count during odd-number years. Beginning in 2016, the Los Angeles CoC started holding the Homeless Count annually to analyze the trends of people experiencing homelessness. The annual Homeless Count is an essential component in getting vital information that helps us provide an accurate picture of the state of homelessness in Los Angeles and deliver services where they are most needed. It also increases general homelessness awareness with the public and increases engagement with leaders,

residents, and stakeholders.

This year, Homeless Count volunteers will be able to download Akido Connect "LA Homeless Count App" from their Apple or Android App Stores. Akido Connect, the App developed by Akido Labs, will replace the pen and paper tally system, and volunteers will mark their tallies directly in the mobile app. Deployment Site Coordinators will have access to a dashboard where they can view the tallies for specific Census Tracts. LAHSA will be able to securely access the data in real-time for data analysis.

The results will be released to the public in Summer 2022, at which time the presentation and data summaries will be published at www.lahsa.org/homeless-count/



Supporter of Initiative to Fight State Housing Regulations to Speak at NCWP Meeting

At its December 7 meeting, the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa will hear from John Heath, who will speak about the Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Land Use Initiative, an initiative that would amend the California state constitution to restore local control over community development.

According to Heath, the initiative came about as a result of a series of recent state laws adopting state-level, one-size-fits-all development rules that promote density without affordability or infrastructure contributions. This initiative recently moved into the signature-gathering process. If organizers can collect 1 million valid voter signatures by the end of April, the initiative will qualify for the November 8, 2022 ballot.

The initiative is supported by a statewide grassroots coalition of Californians that includes Democrats, Republicans, Independents and voters from every part of the political spectrum. There are five initiative proponents: three are local elected officials, one is an affordable housing advocate, and one is a former city planning commissioner.

Heath is a member of the proponent group and is a real estate professional focused on affordable housing and

community empowerment. He is also a nearby neighbor and President of United Homeowners Association, an advocate for the unincorporated communities of Windsor Hills/View Park/View Heights.

According to the group's website, ourneighborhoodvoices.com, "instead of actually working to create new housing without traffic gridlock, sprawl and environmental damage — Sacramento politicians handed a blank check to

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developers to build what they want, where they want, without contributing to new transit, schools, or roads — and without our ability to speak out."

"After accepting tens of millions of dollars in contributions from for-profit developers, this year the Sacramento politicians passed SB 9 and SB 10 — two damaging laws that essentially tell us to 'sit down and shut up' about what is happening right next door to our homes while developers demolish single-family homes and build multi-story, multi-unit projects."



Next Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Monthly Board Meeting:

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2021

via Zoom



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