



# 2015-19 LOWER-INCOME NEEDS ASSESSMENT Workshop & Public Hearing

## MEETING NOTES

**Community Development Department  
 Monday, September 29, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
 Board Room**

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m., John Prescott, Community Development Director
2. **Opening Remarks:** Caroline Milton, Senior Analyst
3. **Workshop and Public Hearing:**
  - A. **Workshop:** Veronica Tam, Veronica Tam & Associates
    1. Presentation on Consolidated Plan and the Ventura County Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
    2. HUD “Bucks” Exercise
    3. Discussion open to All: community needs / priorities, fair housing trends / issues, housing choices available, ideas to promote fair housing.

**B. Needs Assessment Public Comments:**

Steve Dwyer, Exec. Director Habitat for Humanity 121 So. Rice Avenue Oxnard, CA 93030	Between 2000 and 2010, the number of City residents 85 years and older grew by 85%. Habitat’s “Preserve-A-Home” program is a cost-effective way to maximize the use of federal funds and assist people to age in place in their homes by installing disabled access improvements.
Nina Bhavnani, Member National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) 661 Camino del Mar Newbury Park, CA 91320	Discussed lack of housing for mentally ill persons and urged support for board-and-care homes in Thousand Oaks & around Ventura County. Currently, persons needing such care are sent out of the community, away from family connections and support.
Rick Schroeder, President Many Mansions 1459 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd. Suite D Thousand Oaks, CA 91362	Many Mansions currently owns and operates 9 affordable housing projects (450 rental units). Thanked City for past CDBG support most recently for improvements (sidewalks, toilets, sewer & drainage improvements) at 72-unit Bella Vista Apartments on Los Feliz Drive.

<b>B. Needs Assessment Public Comments</b> (continued from page 1)	
Nancy Wohl, Thousand Oaks Rotary, Moorpark Resident	Spoke about importance of Rotary and City-supported Immunization Program that offers vaccinations through Conejo Free Clinic and Westminster Free Clinic.
Jim Wolf, Board Member Senior Alliance for Empowerment (SAFE) 234 Dinsmore Avenue Thousand Oaks, CA 91362	Requested City support for low-income seniors, who are predominately women, and praised Habitat for Humanity's Preserve-A-Home program that assists people who need home repairs and/or improvements but cannot afford to pay.
Vic Abrunzo, Board Member Senior Alliance for Empowerment (SAFE) P.O. Box 4193 Westlake Village, CA 91359	Identified the repair and rehabilitation of existing homes of low-income seniors as the highest priority. Thanked Many Mansions for funding to install GFI components at units in the Ranch Mobile Home Park.
Lori Hartin 991` Sheffield Place Thousand Oaks, CA 91360	Requested support for housing opportunities for the mentally ill in Thousand Oaks.
Tina McDonald, Human Services Agency, RAIN Program Ventura, CA	The RAIN program offers temporary housing and support services for homeless, low-income households.

**4. Adjournment:**

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