

Venice Neighborhood Council

Homelessness Committee – 2024 Oakwood Shelter Motion

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the Emergency Management Department, with assistance from Council District 11 and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), and in consultation with the Mayor's Office, to create an Adverse Weather Shelter program for Oakwood Recreation Center, as well as to determine other possible settings in CD 11 (i.e., Penmar Recreation Center, Westminster Senior Center, Vera Davis Center), to better manage weather-related emergencies, including but not limited to extreme rain, and cold and hot temperatures. This would include:

- A clear delineation of responsibilities for major weather emergency preparation and response, including which City departments are involved in the decision-making process for an Oakwood Shelter activation;
- Identification of communication channels for critical safety information between City departments and non-City entities, including how and when an Oakwood activation is communicated, including unhoused clients;
- An emergency plan for augmenting outreach or other staffing capacity during periods of an Oakwood activation during weekends and holidays; and
- Other lessons learned pertaining to the activation of the Oakwood program during the February 2024 rains.