

Supplemental Information Packet

**Public Communications and Agenda Related Items
Received before 3pm on May 4, 2021.**

Meeting of May 4, 2021

Supplemental Information:

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**AGENDA ITEM 2.
PROPOSED FY 2021-2022 MEASURE O BUDGET**

**Public Comment
RECEIVED VIA EMAIL BEFORE 3:00PM ON MAY 4, 2021**

CITY OF VENTURA
MEASURE O CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

5/4/21

Measure O Committee

From Judy Alexandre, chair Ventura Social Services Task Force

To Bill Hickman, chair, John Franchi, Marco Cuevas, Danny Carrillo, Barbara Mather, Leah Tubbs and Jordana Ybarra-Telias

RE Measure O requests:

Thank you for listening to my concern and for your ongoing work on this committee. I am writing concerning funding for homeless services and needs. As you all know, when Measure O was passed concerns about homelessness was one of the articulated concerns and a major "selling" point. It was deemed to be one of the major needs for funding.

I am requesting that you support the needed new funding for the year-round shelter and provider (Mercy House) and Riverbottom Clean-up efforts. The clean up efforts combined with the outreach case management is making a positive difference. The Safe and Clean, Homeless and Housing program director, Meredith Hart, and case manager, Christina Cabral are doing an outstanding job. The shelter is being managed well and meeting an important need. Its full success cannot occur until the city promotes and plans for the needed very low and extremely low housing. Social Security/disability and low-wage income does not pay rent in Ventura.

Please support this request for funding.

As important as have an on-site manager is for Turning Point at river Haven. This is a needed position. I know that many non-profits would like for the city to pay for a needed case manager. I do not believe that one agency should be treated differently from other very important agencies also in need of funds and case managers. If there is a compelling reason for Turning Point to be considered above others than I could support the request. I believe that Turning Point needs to pay for this position from its own funds, and from a grant that it could receive from the city community partnership or CDBG funds or state/county grant funds.

Thank you again for your efforts.

Judy Alexandre

Resident, city of Ventura