



**MINUTES**  
**MEASURE GS RESIDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**SANTA MONICA INSTITUTE (SMI) ROOM**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR, CIVIC PARKING STRUCTURE,**  
**330 OLYMPIC DRIVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chair Soloff called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

Present: Committee member Buchanan, Committee member Jeevaparakash, Committee member Kelley, Committee member Wessel, Vice Chair Anderson, Chair Soloff

Absent: None

Also present: Natalie Verlinich (Housing Manager), Thomas Philbin (Staff Assistant III)

1. Public Input (Agenda Items Under SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS, CONSENT CALENDAR Only)–

Member of the public Sam Shapiro-Kline introduced himself as an applicant to the committee and commented on various Measure GS issues.

2. Public Input (Agenda Items Under SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS, CONSENT CALENDAR Only)

None

3. Special Agenda Items

a. Discussion from Subcommittee on Flexible Financial Assistance Program

Subcommittee member Wessel updated the entire committee on the Subcommittee's conversation with Richard Diaz, Senior Administrative Analyst, and Nicholas Sundback, Policy and Performance Analyst, Housing and Human Services, City of Santa Monica, regarding Right to Counsel and allocation for the Flexible Financial Assistance Program. Member Wessel proposed a future agenda planning item to invite Legal Services attorneys/Legal Aid who have worked on the RTC program to share with the committee the kinds of challenges people are facing.

Chair Soloff and the committee engaged in a discussion with Natalie Verlinich, Housing Manager, about potential strains in recruitment within Legal Aid, and asked how the City might more efficiently intervene with rental assistance prior to renters becoming displaced from their apartments.

The committee discussed the potential of determining the cost of a third party to administer relief funds to help speed up the FFA process, or the creation of a revolving fund to be dispersed on a rolling basis.

b. Presentation on Affordable Housing Production

Natalie Verlinich, Housing Manager, updated the Committee with a presentation on Affordable Housing Production and Preservation. Covered topics included the potential immediate uses for Measure GS funds,

including the implementation of the City's homelessness strategic plan (SAMOSHEL replacement), the City's Housing Trust Funds, Current Developments (Little Berkeley, Virginia Avenue, 1318 4<sup>th</sup> Street (former Parking Structure 3), City-owned Wilshire sites, and Anticipated Developments (City-owned sites and the reopening of an 'over the counter' application process). A question and answer session followed.

c. Discussion and Overview of Measure GS, Oversight Committee and Its Purpose

Vice Chair Anderson asked that staff share the Measure GS Initiative text with the resident oversight committee to remind committee members of the scope of the oversight committee.

**5. Consent Calendar**

a. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes

Chair Soloff moved and committee member Buchanan seconded a motion to approve the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes. Voice vote: all ayes; the motion carried unanimously.

**9. Staff Administrative Items**

a. Brown Act Training August Updates

Committee members were reminded to reference their Brown Act training, with staff to update members on additional training sessions offered by the City Clerk's Office.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Formation of Subcommittees

Chair Soloff moved with Vice Chair Anderson seconding a motion to formalize the creation of a Legal Assistance and Flexible Financing subcommittee consisting of members Wessel, Jeevaparakash, and Buchanan. Voice vote; the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Soloff moved with member Wessel seconding a motion to create an Affordable Housing Production subcommittee consisting of Chair Soloff and member Buchanan, in order to provide additional detailed information to the committee about what's occurred in the past, and to

help determine what might be done to increase the amount of capital available. Voice vote; the motion passed unanimously.

Member Wessel encouraged the potential future formation of an Information Compiling subcommittee, with Chair Soloff proposing the creation of an info resource webpage connected to Measure GS where statistics and updates could be readily referenced.

c. Proposed Schedule of Staff Presentations at Upcoming Committee Meetings

Housing Manager Natalie Verlinich addressed the committee and discussed potential staff presentations at upcoming Measure GS Resident Oversight Committee meetings.

For September, members asked to prioritize New Renter Protections Program, FFA Program (including Legal Aid and Romy Ganschow, Chief Deputy City Attorney and Denise McGranahan, Deputy City Attorney III, and the Current Subsidy Program (Human Services Flex Fund, including the current funding sources and how the process currently works.

For October, Natalie Verlinich to arrange a presentation on City's General Homelessness Prevention and Intervention program (HPI). Chair Soloff to give also present to the committee in October (title TBD).

VC Anderson noted it would be helpful to receive presentation materials prior to the meeting date to encourage more robust discussion during the meeting.

13. Measure GS Resident Oversight Committee Member Discussion Items

a. Future Agenda Planning

City Council is scheduled to appoint additional members to the Measure GS Resident Oversight Committee at their September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. There are currently six openings to the committee.

Chair Soloff also spoke of discussion and possible action on agendizing the revisiting of Safe Parking programs, temporary shelters, and tiny home creation at upcoming Measure GS Committee meetings.

## Adjournment

Chair Soloff adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Attest:

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Thomas Philbin

Secretary

Approved:

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Michael Soloff

Chair