**City of Moreno Valley**
**Homeless AD HOC Subcommittee**
**Minutes of June 17, 2026**

1. Call to Order
   Mayor Ulises Cabrera called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The following attendees were present at the meeting:

   **Subcommittee Members:**
   Ulises Cabrera, Mayor
   Cheylynda Barnard, Council Member

   **Staff Members:**
   Anna Chacon, Deputy Finance Director (Administration)
   Natalia Medina, Financial Resource Division Manager
   Robert Alvarez, Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Services Division Manager
   Salvador Figueroa, Senior Management Analyst, Financial Resource Division
   Dannette Fortin, Management Assistant, Financial Resource Division

   **Homeless Task Force Partners:**
   JulieAnn Pedroza, Building Up Lives Foundation
   Armando Pedroza, Building Up Lives Foundation
   Rosslynn Medina, Partnership with Building Up Lives Foundation
   Heidi Medina, Partnership with Building Up Lives Foundation
   Andrew Sanchez, Path of Life Ministries

2. Public Comments
   None

3. Approval of Minutes
   **ACTION:** Council Member Cheylynda Barnard motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 2026, and Mayor Ulises Cabrera seconded to approve the minutes.

4. Action Items
   A. NONE

5. Advisory Items
   A. Quality of Life Program Monthly Update (Verbal Updates)

   Robert Alvarez, Division Manager for the Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Services Division, provided an update on the Quality of Life Operations from January through June 2026. He reported that operations were conducted at 378 locations, with 312 individuals contacted. Of those contacted, 96 individuals accepted services through City partners and resources. He noted that no children had been contacted during operations this year, with the exception of one juvenile-related incident that was addressed by the Police Department.

Mr. Alvarez also provided an update regarding the June 9 and June 11 operational briefings. While briefings are typically held at the City Golf Course, they were moved to the Council Chambers to facilitate roundtable discussions and the sharing of best practices. One best practice discussed was the development of a quick-response contact guide for use during and outside scheduled operations. The guide would provide direct contact information for resource providers to ensure individuals requesting assistance can be connected with services immediately, reducing delays caused by voicemail or call transfers. He stated that task force members supported the idea and have begun integrating updated contact information.

Mr. Alvarez shared three recent examples of successful outreach efforts achieved through collaboration between City and Salvation Army staff. Outcomes included connecting individuals with recovery and supportive services, assisting with family reunification and housing, and helping an individual obtain essential documentation and access to public services needed to secure full-time employment. Mr. Alvarez recognized the staff members involved for their continued efforts to support individuals experiencing homelessness.

In closing, Mr. Alvarez noted that current metrics show approximately 31% of individuals contacted during Quality of Life Operations accept services offered through City resources and partner agencies.

B. Building up Lives Foundation (Verbal Updates)

JulieAnn Pedroza, Building Up Lives Foundation, provided a presentation regarding the Building up Lives Foundation. She provided background on the Foundation and its mission to connect Moreno Valley residents with local resources and services. She explained that the organization initially focused on supporting victims of domestic violence by assisting individuals with court processes, resource navigation, and access to food assistance.

Ms. Pedroza discussed the growth of the organization's food assistance efforts, noting that the program expanded significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic through community volunteers who delivered food to seniors, homebound individuals, and residents affected by COVID-19.

She provided an overview of the Foundation's current programs, including the Shop for Cause program located on Perris Boulevard, which offers work experience opportunities for individuals with special needs and serves as a connection point for supportive services.

Ms. Pedroza shared challenges that smaller nonprofit organizations often face with administrative requirements, including bookkeeping, tax filings, reporting, and compliance documentation. She explained that Building Up Lives Foundation has partnered with local accounting and bookkeeping professionals to assist nonprofits with administrative and reporting needs, allowing organizations to focus more of their efforts on direct community services.

She stated that the partnership will help nonprofits improve data collection, reporting, and tracking efforts. She also noted the Foundation's interest in participating in HMIS reporting and contributing additional data regarding services provided to individuals experiencing homelessness. To support these efforts, Ms. Pedroza introduced Rosslynn Medina, who

discussed her role in helping nonprofit organizations improve data collection, reporting, and resource tracking to better serve Moreno Valley residents and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Ms. Medina introduced herself as a partner supporting Building Up Lives Foundation through bookkeeping, reporting, and data management services. She explained that her efforts are focused on helping bridge communication and data gaps between nonprofit organizations and the City.

Ms. Medina discussed plans to assist nonprofits with collecting and analyzing service data, including exploring HMIS participation and mapping service locations to better identify areas of need throughout Moreno Valley. She noted that improved data collection will help nonprofits and the City better understand where resources and services are most needed.

Ms. Medina expressed her commitment to supporting local nonprofit organizations by providing administrative, bookkeeping, and reporting assistance that can strengthen their ability to serve the community.

Following Ms. Medina's remarks, Ms. Pedroza provided additional comments and emphasized the importance of establishing consistent reporting metrics that align with City needs and allow nonprofits to provide meaningful service data. She stated that additional administrative support will enable nonprofit staff to spend more time providing direct services in the community.

She also highlighted the need to support smaller community-based nonprofits, including organizations that provide pet food assistance and food distribution services. Ms. Pedroza noted an increasing demand for food assistance among seniors and working families and discussed ongoing outreach efforts at community distribution sites throughout Moreno Valley.

6. Public Comments

   None

7. Financial Resources Division Comments

   Salvador Figueroa, Senior Management Analyst for Financial Resources Division, provided a brief update regarding future Homeless Ad Hoc Subcommittee meetings. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026, due to summer recess and reminded the subcommittee that all future meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

8. Subcommittee Member Comments

   Councilmember Cheylynda Barnard acknowledged the challenges facing residents, particularly seniors, due to reductions in SNAP benefits and limited state funding. She thanked local nonprofits, including Power Speaks Louder and Building Lives Foundation, as well as all organizations and individuals working to support their neighbors and the community.

Mayor Cabrera welcomed and thanked the representative from Building Up Lives Foundation for attending and expressed appreciation for the organization's work and collaboration with other nonprofits. He noted that their experience and relationships could help connect new and established nonprofits with resources and guidance. He also announced that the City Council had approved Municipal Code amendments establishing a process to allow mobile shower services within the City and recommended coordinating with City staff regarding the necessary next steps.

Mayor Cabrera also discussed current economic conditions, including inflation, interest rates, and the continued rise in the cost of groceries, gasoline, and other necessities. He expressed hope that economic conditions would improve and stated that the City would continue working at the local level to address community needs.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 P.M., by Mayor Ulises Cabrera.

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Prior Meeting Attendance

| Board Member | 2/19/25 | 3/19/25 | 4/16/25 | 5/21/25 | 9/17/25 | 11/19/25 | 4/15/26 |
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| Mayor<br>Ulises Cabrera | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Council Member<br>Cheylynda Bernard | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Council Member<br>Erlan Gonzalez<br>(Alternate) | | | | | | | |

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