City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee

Members: John Avalos, Eric Mar, Sean Elsbernd

Clerk: Gail Johnson  (415) 554-4445

Monday, December 12, 2011 10:00 AM  City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - John Avalos, Eric Mar, and Sean Elsbernd

MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 10:14 a.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

Supervisor Mar arrived at 11:28 a.m.

111325  [Hearing - City's Response to the Surge in Homeless Families]

Sponsor: Avalos

Hearing on the City's response to the surge in homelessness among families, and for various City agencies, including the Human Services Agency and the Housing Authority, to outline their response to the crisis, including: 1) any plans to expand the rental subsidy program; 2) any plans to address the loss in federal homeless prevention and rapid re-housing funds; 3) any plans to increase homeless prevention efforts; 4) any plans to expedite the filling of vacant San Francisco Housing Authority units and moving homeless families into them; and 5) ways that we can protect households from foreclosure evictions.

12/06/11; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dariush Kayhan, Mayor's Office; Carlos Garcia, Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District; Trent Rhorer, Executive Director, Human Services Agency; Henry Alvarez, Executive Director, Housing Authority; Brian Cheu, Mayor's Office of Housing; Teresa Yanga, Mayor's Office of Housing; Hydra Mendoza, Mayor's Office; Salvador Lopez Barr; provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Devra Edelman, Director of Programs, Hamilton Family Center; Female Speaker, Disconnecting Point; Lee Fong Quan; Jane Woo; Deborah Borne, Medical Director, City's Homeless Programs, Department of Public Health; Kate Shipman; Ken Tray, Political Director, United Educators of San Francisco; Theresa M.; Jennifer Friedenbach, Executive Director, Coalition on Homelessness; Female Speaker (lives at Hamilton Family Center); Marie; Female Speaker; Barbara Fagan Smith; Juan C.; Carmen; Kenya Valdez; Raul Valdez; Desenya; Bud M.; Patricia; Sarah Short, Housing Rights Committee; Megan Baker, Housing Manager, Catholic Charities CYO; Douglas Yep; Walter Paulson; Male Speaker; T. Whitman; Geneva; Female Speaker; Miguel Carrera, Coalition on Homelessness; Female Speaker, Ava; Mario; Wayne; L. D.; Charles Phipps; discussed issues related to homelessness.

CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Avalos, Mar
Absent: 1 - Elsbernd
Supervisor Elsbernd was noted absent at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.