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Motion for Board Approval

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Motion: Discussion and possible action to appoint Susan Gorman-Chang and another PRNC Board member or stakeholder to the position of Homeless Advocate Liaison with the City

Proposed by: Jennifer Milbauer

Description: The city of Los Angeles has begun the implementation of the historic Comprehensive Homeless Strategy. Neighborhood Councils are called upon to take an important role in this by appointing a Homelessness Liaison. The Liaison will represent PRNC and connect with the City on the Homeless Strategy, engage our community in Town Halls that give stakeholders an opportunity to speak up on local issues and solutions, & connect with the City Departments that are a part of the City's Homeless Strategy.

See the attached information sheet on Homeless Liaison responsibilities.

The Liaison does not need to be a Board Member, just someone with a passion for helping the homeless.

Benefits to PR: In the past year and a half, homeless numbers have increased by 13% and the San Fernando Valley has seen the largest spike. Approximately 85% of homeless reside *outside* of Skid Row. While Porter Ranch does not have the sheer numbers of homeless that other areas experience, the campers and cars parked on Tampa were inhabited by homeless individuals, and simply having the police move them into another neighborhood is not a sustainable solution.

Our city's Comprehensive Homeless Strategy will work best if all NC work together and collaborate, rather than face this issue as individual, isolated neighborhoods. A PRNC Homeless Liaison will be an active participant in this process and a voice for our community on this issue.