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The Challenge of Homelessness

Ken Craft, President & CEO, Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission

He is both the chief executive and the founder and brings a unique blend of business and ministry to the organization. He served nearly 20 years as a pastor, six years with a large corporation and eight years as a mission director of a homeless shelter. Ken leads the organization with a balance between faith, passion, purpose, compassion and conviction. Most recently, Ken led the implementation of the “Tiny Homes” program which are innovative, affordable and scalable housing projects. He is a graduate of Life Pacific University.

LaTina Jackson, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

As deputy director for the County of Los Angeles, LaTina oversees the delivery of mental health services to some of the most vulnerable and impaired individuals living with mental illness, e.g. people experiencing homelessness, veterans, individuals with mental illness who are justice-involved. She was a special education teacher for children with severe emotional disturbance, community integration leader for adults with development disorders, deputy director for the Youth Services Department of the Los Angeles Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center and serves as adjunct faculty at California State University Northridge Master in Social Work program. LaTina is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and holds a Master’s Degree in Social Work from California State University Los Angeles.

Stephanie Klasky-Gamer, President & CEO, LA Family Housing

As President & CEO, Stephanie leads this nationally recognized and award winning organization with the oversight of its real estate development and comprehensive homeless services departments. Under her leadership, LA Family Housing has transformed into one of the region’s largest providers of homeless services and a premier developer of environmentally sustainable affordable housing in southern California. She is an advocate and is considered an expert in the field of community development and has served in many leadership roles that shape and promote housing and homelessness policy. She currently sits on the Governor’s Council of Regional Homelessness Advisors, the UCLA Ziman Center Affordable Housing Advisory Council and the US Bank Advisory Board. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and earned a Master’s Degree in Urban Planning from UCLA.

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The Challenge of Housing

Matt Glesne, Senior City Planner, Los Angeles City Planning

Matthew Glesne is a senior planner for the Los Angeles Department of City Planning. In this position, he leads the department's housing policy unit, which is responsible for developing various citywide housing related initiatives. He is currently heading the City's update to the Housing Element and has recently led the development of the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit policy, the Transit Oriented Communities affordable housing incentive program, the Home Sharing Ordinance, the Affordable Housing Linkage Fee, Permanent Supporting Housing Ordinance as well as coordinating the implementation of state legislation. He has a Master's Degree in Urban Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and an MFA in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Al Grazioli, Director of Facilities, Real Estate & Asset Development Department, Los Angeles Unified School District

Grazioli is head of facilities, real estate and asset management for the second largest school district in the nation. In this senior leadership role, he leads, negotiates and implements complex lease and joint use agreements for district assets, multi-family housing projects, medical clinics, data centers, legal settlements and related real estate policies and programs of the Facilities Division. He is responsible for all aspects of the joint use and grant programs. He also manages the acquisition of land required for new school construction as well as relocation of businesses and residents resulting from eminent domain proceedings, vacations, easement and dedications as well as special projects. He is a graduate of Rice University.

Bea Stotzer, CEO, NEWCapital & Founder of New Economics for Women (NEW)

As CEO of NEWCapital, Bea is a nationally recognized business leader and family advocate who has devoted her life to creating economic and business solutions for poor families. Her extensive business and economic development work in the Los Angeles region has been invaluable to setting the vision for several organizations as well as helping to establish long-lasting economic and business opportunities for which she has received national recognition. She currently serves on several boards such as Inner City Arts, HOPE, Women's Law Center and New Economics for Women. She founded NEW through a \$97,000 United Way grant and grew the organization into a successful \$260 M investment for NEW. She previously served as Chair of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles and President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development.