



Proposed Skateland Project

Frequently Asked Questions

Can the City purchase the building and keep it a roller rink?

The City does not operate roller rinks and is unable to purchase the building to maintain this use. In light of the budget shortfall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City must focus its spending to ensure continuity in the delivery of core services such as public safety, street repair, and sanitation.

Why was this site selected? Is this use temporary?

The owners of the property, wanting to continue their family legacy of giving back, approached Hope of the Valley with the concept of using their property to help address the current homelessness crisis as a way for them to make a lasting difference in this community.

At the same time, under the direction of US District Court Judge David O. Carter overseeing the LA Alliance lawsuit brought against the City, the City and County of Los Angeles entered into an agreement in June 2020 to provide 6,000 beds within 10 months and an additional 700 beds within 18 months to help shelter and house individuals experiencing homelessness across the City.

The exterior of the building will likely remain largely as is, but this use is not intended to be temporary. In order to safely and securely provide housing, the site must undergo internal retrofit. Some of the required upgrades would include: accessibility as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), fire life safety upgrades and expanded hygiene facilities.

What kind of housing will this be?

The site will be used for bridge housing, a shorter term solution that serves as a stop-gap measure until individuals are able to find and sustain long-term housing. In addition to providing individuals a bed, this model of housing also provides case

management and a wide range of supportive services that an individual experiencing homelessness might need in order to help them out of their homelessness.

Who will be operating this site?

This site would be owned and operated by Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, a San Fernando Valley-based non-profit, well known for providing services to and caring for individuals experiencing homelessness. The site will be operated in partnership with the City, who is proposing to provide funds for improvements and operations.

When will the site be opened?

The projected timeline for opening is Fall 2021.

Who can stay at this facility?

The target population for this facility is individuals from Council District 12 with priority for those living near freeways, those who are 65 and older, and those who have previous or underlying health issues. Residents who are housed here would come to the site via referrals.

Can individuals receive walk-up or walk-in services here?

No. Individuals are not able to receive walk-up or walk-in services at this site. Residents who are housed here would come to the site via referrals.

Will local persons experiencing homelessness be prioritized?

Yes.

Will there be any rules or criteria for staying at this site and how will they be enforced?

Yes, there will be requirements such as a curfew, and no substances will be permitted on site. The site will be secure, and provider staff and security will be present on-site 24/7.

What type of support staff and services will be provided?

Provider staff will be onsite 24/7. Hope of the Valley is experienced with running bridge housing operations, resolving conflicts if they arise, and other issues related to facility rule compliance.

In addition to providing a safe place for people to be, this site will provide access to a full complement of services either on or off site, including substance abuse and mental health services, job training, job placement and education services. Case

management staff and caseworkers providing more specialized services will be available during daytime and early evening hours.

What can community members and businesses do to support the residents who will be living here?

There will be many opportunities to provide support to this facility and to the residents. Right now, the most important thing is for the community to hear accurate information about this project. The circulation of bad information continues to fuel myths and negative perceptions about proposals like these. My office is always available to provide more information or answer questions about this proposal.