



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
 Meeting Date: June 17, 2014

Agenda Item 1-E  
**Approvals:**  
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**Department:** Community Development Department

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**Subject:** *HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014*

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Summary:** Staff recommends that City Council receive and file the Human Affairs Report.

**Background:** The Human Affairs Committee (HAC) was established in 1988 for the purpose of surveying San Clemente social service needs and making recommendations to the City Council. In conjunction with the San Clemente Collaborative, committee members and City Staff collaborate with non-profits and community based organizations to provide neighborhood outreach, education training sessions, forums and neighborhood events during the year.

**Discussion:** The HAC members are the social services eyes and ears of the Community Development Department and the City Council. The HAC meets regularly every other month to discuss the social challenges in our community and to receive updates on the progress of various community coalitions, committees and non-profit organizations.

An area of great concern to the Committee has been the increase in youth substance abuse in Orange County. As a result of on going teen depression concerns and high school incidences, last year the HAC-SCC worked tirelessly to provide more school resources and two Community Forums at San Clemente High School. Our shared goal is for the at-risk students, parents, and guardians to become more educated about existing counseling and social service resources as well as to provide advocacy for a future Wellness Youth Counselor to serve as a stable community resource.

Access to health care has been a major issue identified in the last two health needs assessment surveys conducted by Mission Hospital in South Orange County. Currently, Camino Health Center provides a mobile medical unit that comes to San Clemente twice a month to see clients and their families. Additionally, they run the Women, Infant, and Children programs in San Clemente, addressing the needs for proper nutrition from pregnancy through to school age children. The committee is currently working with Camino Health's Directors and stakeholders to possibly expand their services.

Earlier in the year, in partnership with the San Clemente Collaborative, several educational sessions were offered regarding the Affordable Health Care Act. The feedback from those that attended is that they found it to be extremely helpful; these sessions were conducted in both Spanish and English.

In the housing arena, the City will soon be opening a new 76 unit senior housing development in South San Clemente. The apartments will be occupied by tenants who are preferably local residents. The City has also broken ground on the Avenida Serra Workforce Housing development with 19 units for local San Clemente residents and young families, again based on affordability for the tenant.

Regarding our Military families in San Clemente, there are a number of organizations that are working to help in a variety of areas. One goal of the HAC has been to develop conversations between these groups, in order to avoid duplication of efforts and use of resources in the most beneficial manner.

Because of City Council interest, the HAC has started a new sub-committee to look at ways to address senior needs. We do have the Dorothy Visser Senior Center where a variety of educational and recreational activities are available, along with meals on wheels for sick seniors and/or shut-in clients. The committee is in the process of looking at other ways to support our seniors, especially those who wish to remain in their own homes but have challenges when it comes to transportation, running errands, and regular socialization opportunities. There are several cities that have looked at this concern and developed a senior self-help program with the assistance from the Village To Village "Stay Put Program." You will be hearing more about the research and program details in the coming year. According to a recent study, there are approximately forty million seniors in the nation; however, in 2030 there will be over eighty million seniors nationwide. The HAC are helping local service providers and healthcare providers to plan for this huge demographic increase in California.

The Community Development Department staff, residents and stakeholders have worked closely the past nine years to help reduce crime, increase safety, and bring residents and neighbors together. Partnerships with local contractors and volunteers help to create new community spaces in town.



The Vista Los Mares Community Garden is the center of a once unsafe neighborhood where students read, have art activities, and cooking demonstrations. Where there was only a patch of dirt, various community building events have included: Neighborhood Beautification Events, Intergenerational Garden Activities, a Little Free Library installation, and Skills for Success Parent Workshops. The Good Neighbor Program with residents, City staff and Saddleback Church is another collaborative effort worth highlighting which coordinated four successful community building events in Vista Los Mares.

This past year has been a positive experience for me as the HAC Chair person. The HAC endeavors to provide support to the residents of San Clemente so that they may enjoy the quality of life described in the City's Mission statement. On behalf of the other committee members, Vice Chair Nancy Sutherland, Patricia Drown, Patricia Pinto, Bill Ewing, and Martin Pennington, we extend thanks for your continued support and the opportunity to serve our wonderful city. In addition we extend our heartfelt appreciation to the City Council for your support of our efforts and the financial support of the FY15 Social Services Grant Program.

**Action:** STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council receive and file the Human Affairs Report.

**Attachments:** None.

**Notification:** None.