



## **Press Lead Sheet for 11/17/2021 Community Through Hope Press Conference**

**WHO:** Community Through Hope, Chula Vista Community at Large

**WHAT:** Press conference to request accountability on the \$135,000 allocated by the City of Chula Vista to its School Resource Police Department for traffic control during CTH's large scale food distributions during the height of the Pandemic. Also, to address a 4 page City Manager's report shared in the community to discredit Community Through Hope for asking for clarity and transparency.

**WHERE:** Community Through Hope, 465 C Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 11am

**WHY:** Community Through Hope will address the supplemental CARES allocation of more than \$130,000 that was diverted to the CVPD on our agency's behalf for traffic control during the pandemic. Though we are grateful to the Chula Vista Police Department for the assistance, never was our agency alerted that we were racking up a bill for assistance from School Resource Officers who stated they had no assignment to go to. Now that we are free as a non-profit of any sub-contracting with the City, we have been vocal about accountability when it comes to dollars earmarked for the unsheltered.

Our call for accountability is now focused on how the city could allocate itself these dollars without consulting with our organization during a pandemic. Had we not seen city agendas and requested clarity, our organization would be in the dark as to the fact that supplemental CARES dollars were allocated from the City to the police department on our behalf though we were told there was no funding available. We also need to address a growing pattern of lack of transparency when dealing with dollars earmarked for the unsheltered in our community.

We need to remind our local government that if they expect the community to do their part to bring about change, we, the community, need to be supported, not bullied and threatened when seeking answers. Due to lack of communication from the City Manager's office, we must bring this issue to the community for transparency.

### **SPEAKERS:**

Robert Moreno, Moderator, Board Member, Community Through Hope  
Rosy Vasquez, CEO/Founder, Community Through Hope  
Sebastian Martinez, Executive Director, Community Through Hope  
Rudy Ramirez, Former Chula Vista Councilman, Lifelong Chula Vistan  
Drew Moser, Executive Director, Lucky Duck Foundation (Tentative)