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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: City Manager's Office
MEETING DATE: March 15, 2021
SUBJECT:
County of San Mateo Homelessness Initiatives

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an informational report on the County of San Mateo's strategic initiatives to address homelessness and its consideration of the purchase of two motels in San Mateo.

BACKGROUND:

The County of San Mateo is committed to reaching a functional zero level of homelessness, where every unsheltered person in San Mateo County who chooses assistance can be sheltered in an emergency shelter or in temporary or permanent housing. Having sufficient shelter capacity is a critical part of reaching functional zero, as well as having sufficient and effective housing-focused supports (housing-focused case management at shelters, housing locator support, homeless outreach services, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, etc.). The County's acquisitions of hotels to create new shelter/housing programs will make significant strides toward reaching functional zero.

The County is currently in the due diligence process for the purchase of two motels in San Mateo on El Camino Real. An appraisal of the value of the properties is currently underway, and the Planning Commission will be holding a hearing on conformance with the City's General Plan on March 23rd. Should the sale proceed, the next step would be for the County to host a community meeting to provide detail on its plan for the use of the properties, both in the short and long term.

Further, the Coordinated Entry System (CES) is designed to ensure streamlined access to San Mateo County's homeless crisis response system for people experiencing homelessness and to ensure they are matched to an appropriate intervention to end their homelessness, based on their vulnerability and housing barriers and based on available resources. CES was adopted as part of the County's strategic plan to end homelessness to serve as the "front door" of the homeless crisis response system. People experiencing homelessness can contact one of the eight Core Service Agencies located throughout the County in order to be connected to CES for diversion/housing problem solving, assessment, and if needed, referrals to shelter and other resources.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact from receiving this informational report.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This informational report is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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