

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0299

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

September 28, 2021

Real Property Acquisition for the Potential Purposes of Siting Homeless Services

BACKGROUND

- A. Homelessness is an existential threat to the individuals living without quality housing and to the public health and safety of the residents and businesses in Sacramento. The right to an adequate standard of living for every resident of the City is one that must be protected and advanced by the actions and commitment of all levels of government, including the City of Sacramento. The interconnectedness of homelessness, housing and public health must inform the current and future policy, partnerships, prioritization of work programs, and budget allocations to prevent and reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness.
- B. On January 5, 2021, the City Council unanimously approved the preparation of a Master Siting, Operations, Programmatic and Financing Plan ("Master Siting Plan") and committed to a Council-led process to engage the community and identify public and private properties for a single up or down vote to approve the sites identified for shelter and housing, identify funding sources, and provide authority to the City Manager to implement the Master Siting Plan.
- C. On July 1, 2020, the City Council directed the City Manager to create the Department of Community Response. The purpose is to provide an alternative response model for 911 calls effectively transferring the calls that do not require a law enforcement response to alternative first responders. The 2021-22 City budget further defines the organizational structure of the Department to include the Office of Homeless Services for direct and expanded services. The Office of Community Outreach will include social workers and outreach specialists to respond to service calls with a focus on those in need of mental health services, youth in crisis and residents experiencing homelessness. The Department staff is leading a significant number of the direct operations and services to those experiencing homelessness in Sacramento since its creation.
- D. On August 10, 2021, Council approved the Comprehensive Siting Plan and directed the City Manager to begin implementation of the Comprehensive Siting Plan immediately, including authorizing the City Manager to 1) implement any and all financial transactions to properly manage and account for the City's efforts to implement and administer the Comprehensive Siting Plan and 2) allocate funding to sites and programs that provide the most immediate impact to alleviate the crisis of homelessness in the City.

- E. The individual human suffering and threat to the health and safety of the City's homeless population demands a new comprehensive and urgent response.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager or the City Manager's Designee is authorized to negotiate and execute any documents and agreements necessary to purchase real property for the potential purposes of siting homeless services.
- Section 2. The City Manager or City Manager's designee is authorized to establish a project for the purchase of real property (C15xxxxxx).
- Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to establish the necessary revenue and expenditure budget to cover real property acquisition costs in C15xxxxxx from the American Rescue Plan Fund (Fund 2705).
- Section 4. Sacramento City Code Section 4.04.020 and Council Rules of Procedure (Chapter 7, Section E.2.d) -- mandating that all labor agreements and all agreements greater than \$1,000,000 shall be made available to the public at least ten (10) days prior to council action -- is hereby waived for agreements covered by this resolution.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on September 28, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Guerra, Harris, Jennings, Loloee, Schenirer, Valenzuela, Vang, and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:  Digitally signed by Mindy Cuppy
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Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.