

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-224

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING THE HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, 2023 THROUGH 2027 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE MINOR OR NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS TO AMEND THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH THE SONOMA COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONAL PLAN

WHEREAS, following a competitive Request for Proposals process, on March 1, 2022, Council approved Focus Strategies for the development of a Homelessness Solutions Strategic Plan (Strategic Plan); and

WHEREAS, staff has worked with Focus Strategies to draft the Strategic Plan, which was informed by a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the current response to homelessness in Santa Rosa, including program and system performance as well as extensive stakeholder engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt the Strategic Plan for the five-year period, 2023 through 2027, which provides key strategies and actions to improve the City's response to homelessness in alignment with the Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) to achieve "Functional Zero" homelessness; and

WHEREAS, a system of care achieves "Functional Zero" when a person's experience with homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring and the availability of resources match or exceed the demand within the community; and

WHEREAS, City staff will continue to review the Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with the CoC regional plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, in that approving and adopting the Strategic Plan does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because this an organizational action by the City that does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and moreover, any future actions that result from the Strategic Plan will require its own CEQA analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa approves the Homelessness Solutions Strategic Plan for the five-year period, 2023 through 2027, in substantially the same form as Exhibit A attached thereto.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the City Manager to make minor or non-substantive modifications to amend the Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with the CoC regional plan.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 15th day of November, 2022.

AYES: (6) Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Sawyer, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Mayor C. Rogers

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney

Exhibit A - Homelessness Solutions Strategic Plan