

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
SUBJECT: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER  
BEDS  
STAFF PRESENTER: DAVID E. GOUIN, DIRECTOR  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING  
  
AGENDA ACTION: NONE

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ISSUE(S)

Shall the City Council discuss opportunities to increase affordable housing and emergency shelter beds?



COUNCIL GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Council Goal 5: Improve the Partnerships between Neighborhoods, Community Organizations, Schools, and the City to Support and Promote Thriving, Inclusive and Diverse Neighborhoods. A strategic objective supporting this goal is to: Seek Opportunities to Increase Affordable Housing and Emergency Shelter Beds.

SUMMARY

Staff will conduct a brief presentation to review: 1) the existing inventory of shelter beds, homeless services and affordable housing; 2) outline the need to restore local match funding resources for affordable housing; and, 3) funding options for the City Council to consider during the budget deliberation process to increase local funding resources. City staff, affordable housing developers, and homeless service providers will be available to assist the discussion.

It is proposed that the City sustain the existing homeless service infrastructure and focus on providing additional affordable housing. This would allow those currently in shelters to transition into permanent affordable housing, which then allows those on shelter waiting lists to access existing facilities. To accomplish this, the City needs to restore, if not increase, its housing fund resources to provide gap financing so developers can construct the needed housing.

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Attachment:

- Glossary of Terms