

EXTENSION OF LOCAL HOMELESS EMERGENCY, HOUSING FIRST STRATEGY/WORK PLAN, CHAP AMENDMENTS, WINTER SHELTER EXPANSION

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SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Extend the declaration of a local homeless emergency.
2. Adopt the Housing First Strategy and Fiscal Year 2016/17 Work Plan.
3. Consider amendments to CHAP.
4. Consider expanding winter shelter facilities on public property.

1. Extension of the Declaration of Homeless Emergency

August 9, 2016 - Council formally recognized a homelessness emergency

- 1) Declared a homeless shelter crisis.
- 2) Proclaimed a local homeless emergency.
- 3) Directed the Mayor to submit a letter requesting for a gubernatorial state of emergency proclamation.

1. Extension of the Declaration of Homeless Emergency

- California Government Code Section 8630 requires that the Council review the need for continuing the local homeless emergency at least every 30 days until such local emergency is terminated.

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- Local homeless emergency continues to exist.
- Council approved an extension of the declaration of local homeless emergency
 - August 30
 - September 27
 - October 25
 - November 15
 - December 13

2. Housing First Strategy

- HOUSING FIRST – evidence-based approach that attempts to provide people with housing quickly and then provide services as needed.
- Includes Coordinated Entry – people with greatest need receive priority for housing and services.
- Aligns with Federal and State Policy.

2. Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan

- Identifies existing and recommends new initiatives based on the Housing First Strategy.
- Work organized by Fiscal Year quarters.
- Considers immediate and longer term efforts.
- Acknowledges work in progress, evolving as promising practices are tested and refined.

3. CHAP Amendment Considerations

- Expand to allow uses on commercial property.
- Expand to include staff involvement in direct education & outreach for specific sites.

4. Expanded Winter Shelter Options

- Additional Rapid Re-housing funding.
- Expand Services on Samuel Jones Hall Parking Lot.
- Activate the National Guard Armory.
- Veterans Memorial Building.
- Former Fire Station 5.
- Other options.

Upcoming Events

- 2017 Homeless Count – January 27.
- Summit on Homeless Solutions – January 30 & 31.
- Special meeting of the Homeless Policy Subcommittee – February 13.

Recommendation

- 1) by Resolution, approve an extension of Resolution No. 28839 proclaiming a local homeless emergency within Santa Rosa.
- 2) by Resolution, adopt the Housing First Strategy and Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Work Plan.
- 3) by Motion, provide direction on possible CHAP amendments and expanded winter shelter options.