



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Raul Peralez

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD
PARTNER PROGRAM
(formerly Community Center
Reuse Program)**

DATE: December 6, 2019

Approved

Date

12-6-2019

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the status report on the Neighborhood Center Partner Program; and approve the removal of the seven facilities from the Neighborhood Center Partner Program facility inventory list; and direct the City Manager to:

- 1) Clarify the schedule and cost associated with the process of transferring maintenance and property management functions to the Bella Castello Apartment property manager and associated potential impacts, with the intent to avoid any service disruption to the Spartan-Keyes neighborhood; and
- 2) Clarify how this change may impact community access such as hours of operation and accessibility to community-serving non-profits and neighborhood organizations; and
- 3) Bring the schedule and projected cost to Council in the form of an Information Memo by March, 2020.

DISCUSSION

Thank you to the Neighborhood Partner Program and the Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services Team for their thoughtful work in coordinating the use and operations of our neighborhood centers. We applaud their dedication and coordination with more than 30 partners to continue to maintain services and keep our neighborhood centers accessible through the Great Recession, up to today.

Transitioning to a Neighborhood Partner Program ahead of issuing a Request for Qualifications allows for clarity around who has control and operates key services at our neighborhood centers. The Spartan-Keyes Neighborhood Action Center offers a safe place for multi-generations to obtain access to services and partially fulfills the neighborhood's priority of having a center, as identified in their 2002 Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Spartan-Keyes Neighborhood Plan. It is imperative that we gain additional clarity regarding any costs or contractual changes that may be needed prior to the June 30, 2020 lease agreement with Bella Castello so as to avoid interruption in services.