



Fw: Item 8.1 Input on the FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan

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Expanding Transit Support and Balancing Housing Priorities

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to share my support for the expenditures proposed in the City's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan, while also urging the City Council to address critical gaps in our current homelessness response strategies.

Addressing the Impacts of Site Cleanups and Abatements

First, I want to express a significant concern regarding the execution of encampment abatements. When the City carries out site cleanups without providing a clear means of relocation or access to essential resources, the process becomes counterproductive. People who are on the ground daily with our unhoused neighbors frequently witness how easily individuals fall between the cracks when displaced.

I urge the City to integrate a "**transfer package**" or resource continuity protocol into its abatement and outreach policies. This package should directly include:

- **Access to reliable transportation**, such as local or county transit bus passes, so individuals can move legally and safely from one area to another.
- **Immediate access to communication resources**, including prepaid phone cards or designated calling options, to ensure displaced individuals can maintain contact with housing case managers, healthcare providers, and emergency services.

Incidental expenses like these must be viewed as highly flexible, vital tools for stability. Without them, we are simply moving a crisis from one block to the next instead of resolving it.

Balancing Emergency Support with Permanent Housing

While I support the overall HUD funding strategy, there is a concerning shift in how our resources are being balanced. I am particularly concerned that funding for long-term, permanent affordable housing solutions seems to be taking a backseat to emergency shelter expansions. Multiple testimonies from the community highlight that when individuals are moved solely into temporary emergency settings without a clear pathway to permanent housing, many ultimately end up back on the street.

The City must continue to prioritize substantial investments in the acquisition, rehabilitation, and long-term preservation of permanent supportive housing to break this cycle.

Thank you for your time, your consideration of these crucial adjustments, and your ongoing efforts to support our most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

Brian Darby 

This video highlights recent protests in San Jose where advocates emphasized the critical need for comprehensive resources and permanent housing support during encampment sweeps: [San Jose housing advocates protest encampment sweep](#).

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