



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: Councilmember Donald Rocha
SUBJECT: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND
DATE: August 6, 2018

Approved Don Rocha Date 8-6-18
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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the City Council consider whether it may be desirable to substitute the word “other” for the word “urgent” in the last bullet in ballot measure language included under staff recommendation (b), such that the bullet would read as follows: “Address other infrastructure needs.”
2. In Table 3 on page 7, in the “Potential Projects” cell for the Housing project category, include single women with children and domestic violence survivors under the list populations who may benefit from the affordable housing funded by the bond, such that the cell would read as follows:

Build and rehabilitate housing that is affordable for working families and individuals earning up to 80% of the area median income (AMI) with no more than 20% of the funding for households earning up to 120% of the AMI. Residents that may benefit include the homeless, seniors, veterans, single women with children, domestic violence survivors, and working families. Funds may be used to:

1. Acquire land for the development of housing;
2. Construct new housing; and
3. Acquire and rehabilitate existing apartments or homes to create housing that is restricted to be affordable for the long-term.

ANALYSIS

With this memo, I recommend a small change to the ballot measure language and to the description of the bond project categories. On the ballot language, I recommend replacing the word “urgent” with the word “other.” This is a small change, but would give us more flexibility in deciding how the bond proceeds are spent.

I also recommend a slight adjustment to the description of the housing project category on page 7. I think it makes sense to include single women with children and victims of domestic violence as populations that may benefit from affordable housing. There is a dearth of beds for domestic violence victims in the County; funding to build affordable units for this population is an important goal.

I'd like to close by thanking staff and my colleagues for all of their work to make this bond possible. The projects funded by this bond—especially the road maintenance and the affordable housing—will greatly benefit our community.