



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Domingo
Candelas

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 10/23/23

APPROVED:

**SUBJECT: INTERIM HOUSING FINANCIAL STABILITY – STUDY OF CITY
INTERIM HOUSING AND ACTIONS RELATED TO INTERIM HOUSING GRANT
AGREEMENTS**

RECOMMENDATION

Direct staff to engage health care providers to come up with preventive care solutions at our Emergency Interim Housing (EIH) sites to reduce emergency service calls such as Santa Clara County Health and Hospital System, Kaiser Permanente, Stanford Health Care, or other public and private partners.

BACKGROUND

Based on the Study of Interim Housing, a critical service that would provide cost-savings and improve the overall experience of program participants and staff alike, is on-site, preventive, medical services. By having preventive, medical services on-site, this would drastically reduce Health-Related Emergency Service and Ambulance Calls. With a high volume of calls, there are major costs that are borne by the City and County, and overall resources are strained.

Program participants and staff have attested the high volume and frequency of emergency service calls due to the lack of on-site medical support for preventive health and basic first aid. Staff has had to rely on calling emergency services which has heavily strained their relationship with first responders, especially considering many calls are for non-emergency matters. Having the ability to provide a baseline of medical services on-site, while also reducing the number of calls would create not only a safer environment for program participants and cut costs, but also give off a better impression for the public.

The signers of this memorandum have not had, and will not have, any private conversation with any other member of the City Council, or that member's staff, concerning any action discussed in the memorandum, and that each signer's staff members have not had, and have been instructed not to have, any such conversation with any other member of the City Council or that member's staff.