



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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SUBJECT: FUNDING AWARD FOR THE SAFE PARKING PILOT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept staff recommendations.
2. Report back on preliminary progress of the pilot during the upcoming Council discussion of HEAP funding, currently scheduled for November 27, 2018.

BACKGROUND

With at least 4000 members of our community experiencing homelessness at any given time on the streets of San José, we should be ready to move forward any reasonable solution that can alleviate the immediate suffering of our un-housed neighbors, and effectively re-house them.

Given that over 100 families with children were counted in the last homeless census, prioritizing the safety of those families is paramount. While sleeping in one's vehicle in a parking lot is not the homelessness solution we should all ultimately strive for, the Housing Department's proposed Safe Parking Pilot is an opportunity to give families with a young child a safe place to park overnight, use of clean restrooms and showers, and, most importantly, access to critical LifeMoves services such as housing placement that will put those families on a track to being permanently housed.

We thank the Housing Department for its creative thinking and work with numerous other City departments, provider LifeMoves, nearby schools, and the community, to develop this thorough and sensible plan that wisely includes robust security and outreach to nearby schools to locate un-housed families in the Seven Trees community.