



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:**  
Vice Mayor Chappie Jones

**SUBJECT:** Internal Transfer of Affordable Housing Sites

**DATE:** October 27, 2020

Approved

Date: October 22, 2020

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the resolution as proposed by Staff and include the following direction:

- A. Explore innovative alternative forms of affordable housing development including modular and capsule housing.
- B. Assist the tenants of 3707 E. Williams Rd with identifying a nearby PRNS site to relocate and continue programming utilizing the 2021 Neighborhood Center RFQ process.

## **DISCUSSION**

Thank you to City staff for coming forward with this solution to utilize our resources produce affordable housing. I am supportive of the transfer and I believe that the affordable housing production for these sites will be of great benefit to our City.

In an effort to make the most of the land, I suggest that staff explore alternative options for housing production for these sites, including modular units and capsule housing. These types of innovative solutions are being deployed with success worldwide and it may help the City in producing high value, efficient housing at relatively low cost. Thinking outside the box when it comes to affordable housing production can be advantageous as we work to maximize public benefit with limited resources.

In an effort to mitigate the hardship of relocation, I suggest that the Silicon Valley Korean American Federation, currently occupying the site at 3707 East Williams, be given assistance for relocating to one of the available PRNS sites closest to the site which they currently occupy. This Federation adds immeasurable value to our Korean American community members and it would be a great benefit for the Federation to remain in District 1, or the surrounding area, if possible.