

# Memorandum

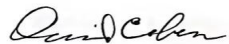
**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember David Cohen

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** February 8, 2022

Approved



Date: 2/8/2022

**SUBJECT: Guadalupe Gardens Fencing Project and Activation Alternatives**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Accept recommendations 1-4 of the 2/4/2022 Memorandum from Mayor Liccardo and Councilmembers Peralez, Mahan and Cohen.
2. Modify recommendation 5 as follows:
  - a. Include recommendations to ensure unhindered public use of the creek trail from West Hedding to West Santa Clara Street as part of the Encampment Management Strategy coming to council in April.

## **BACKGROUND**

I want to thank staff for the progress they have made in executing the Council-approved plan for the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens area. I also appreciate that, since the posting of the mayor's February 4<sup>th</sup> memorandum, cosigned by myself and my Council colleagues, staff has shared concerns about the 5<sup>th</sup> recommendation in the memo—namely, that the recommendation goes beyond the scope of the original plan, and that its implementation by June 30<sup>th</sup> is not feasible.

This recommendation was included due to concerns that unhoused residents who had been relocated during the first two phases of the project had moved to the creek trail. I recognize that the recommendation pertains to a new location that is outside the scope of the original project, but it is crucial that we provide all unhoused residents, including those living along the trail, with rapid rehousing solutions. The prioritization of resources for that purpose should be included in the Council's discussion on our Encampment Management Strategy in April; to that end, I recommend that we strike the target date from recommendation 5 of the 2/4/2022 memorandum and direct staff instead to include recommendations for ensuring unhindered public use of the trail in the Encampment Management Strategy.