



Memorandum

TO: SAN JOSÉ HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
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SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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SUBJECT: HOUSING AUTHORITY MOVING TO WORK ANNUAL PLAN

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept staff recommendations for adopting a resolution in support of the 2023 Moving to Work (MTW) Annual Plan.
2. For the development of the 2024 MTW Plan, direct staff to work with the Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) around supporting an operational subsidy for the City's interim ("quick-build") housing sites and an expansion of the onsite San José Bridge employment programs that both aid residents of interim housing sites and converted motels to take steps toward self-sufficiency while performing jobs that sustain the communities in which they are housed. Such jobs might include, but are not limited to maintenance and groundskeeping, cooking, shuttle-driving, security, and building management.

Background

The City and SCCHA are fortunate to have the Moving to Work (MTW) designation. This allows us to propose and implement innovative program and solutions, which can align with the City's innovative solutions like our SJ Bridge employment program that we are implementing at quick build interim housing sites.

The SJ Bridge program, which is employing 150 unhoused residents this year while providing housing and (with Goodwill's partnership, job training) has already demonstrated great

success. Bringing this concept to our quick-build apartment communities would align closely with two of the federal MTW goals, which also constitute paramount goals for our community:

- To decrease costs and increase cost effectiveness in housing program operations.
- To promote participants' economic self-sufficiency

We appreciate the SCCHA's revamping of our MTW program to be more community-focused and to propose more collaborative and impactful activities in the 2024 MTW Plan. Partnering with the City on our SJ Bridge program at quick-build interim housing sites could drive even greater impact.