



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Arjun Batra

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** June 5, 2023

Approved *Arjun Dev Batra*

Date June 5, 2023

**SUBJECT: CITY INITIATIVES ROADMAP: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES  
COMMUNITIES SUPPORTIVE PARKING AND EMERGENCY INTERIM HOUSING**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Accept the staff report on site identification with the following modifications:
  - a. Amend item (b) as follows: *Evaluate ~~and pursue, if advantageous to the City,~~ the Via Del Oro and San Ignacio Avenue site for a philanthropic donation of leased land and buildings for Emergency Interim Housing;*
  - b. Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the Via Del Oro site and present it for Council approval to pursue.
    - i. The analysis shall include the costs for providing enhanced cleanup services in a one-mile radius of the perimeter of the site.
    - ii. The analysis shall also explore innovative solutions to provide individual bathrooms in each movable cabin.
- 2) Accept the five recommendations from the June 6<sup>th</sup> memo made by Mayor Mahan, Vice Mayor Kamei, Councilmember Cohen, and Councilmember Foley.

## **DISCUSSION**

- A goal of the above recommendations are to make the EIH sites more welcome by the local residents rather than being rejected by the neighboring communities.
- The privately owned land at the Via Del Oro site will be evaluated for a new model of utilizing movable cabins for Emergency Interim Housing.
- However, before pursuing the site, the results of a cost-benefit analysis should be presented to Council for approval.
- There is no disagreement that the areas inside the EIH sites are well-maintained, however, the community reports the surrounding areas experience blight.
- The analysis shall include the costs for providing enhanced cleanup services in a one-mile radius of the perimeter of the site, leaving the cleanliness of the surrounding area at the same level or better than before the EIH was established in the region.

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- The site should be advantageous to both the future EIH residents as well as the existing residents in the neighborhoods in the immediate vicinity of the EIH.
- As the “off the grid” movable cabins are designed, explore innovative solutions to provide individual bathrooms in each cabin, while mitigating the expenses associated with plumbing and other infrastructure needs.
- Examples of innovative solutions for bathrooms in movable cabins include removable cassette toilets and other innovations developed by the RV industry.