



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Tam Nguyen

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: December 12, 2017

Approved:

Date:

12/12/2017

SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO THE BRIDGE HOUSING COMMUNITY.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Staff Recommendation;
2. Adopt recommendations submitted by Mayor Liccardo, Vice-Mayor Carrasco, Councilmembers Jones, Peralez, and Arenas and include the following:
 - a. Establish a Citizen Oversight Committee composing of residents and businesses within 1000 feet of the sites;
 - b. When returning to Council by summer 2018, also include a working plan to achieve and ensure these goals: Safety, Health, and Cleanliness for the surrounding neighborhoods.

DISCUSSION:

This issue has caused much fear and confusion in neighborhoods across the city. I want to ensure that we address the concerns of Safety, Health, and Cleanliness for the community. I would like to see working plans to address these issues early in the process versus when the homes are built. Thus an establishment of a Citizen Oversight Committee would ensure public participation to achieve these goals.

While most of us agree that bridge housing will help to house some of our homeless, it is not enough to solve homelessness. We all know that we must do more and we can do more. This is only the beginning of a complex and difficult discussion that we must have about how to house the homeless in our city. Our neighborhoods will be safer and healthier once we find solutions to confront this housing challenge.