



## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Raul Peralez

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** October 29, 2019

Approved by:

Date:

10/29/19

**SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO AN AMENDMENT WITH THE HOMEFIRST SERVICES OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY GRANT AGREEMENT TO USE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM FUNDING FOR OVERNIGHT WARMING LOCATIONS DURING THE COLD WEATHER SEASON**

### RECOMMENDATION

Provide storage for participants at Roosevelt Community Center during operation as an Overnight Warming Location.

### BACKGROUND

Thank you staff for your work in creating a more robust model for the participants of our Overnight Warming Locations (OWLs). The shift in having our OWL program be open throughout the entirety of winter along with increased support services and the addition of 60 beds at the Bascom Community Center and Roosevelt Community Center will provide necessary relief and assistance. However with the increase of months of service, it is important that additional services such as storage for OWL participants be explored to accommodate this change.

As OWL moves forward with a referral based system, we can expect the same individuals returning to OWL on a nightly basis. As a result, we will have the same individuals moving their belongings from place to place ultimately returning to the same location at the end of the night. To alleviate this burden, storage should be considered onsite at the Roosevelt Community Center. This storage system should allow all 30 participants the option to store some of their most needed belongings and have access to

them at the start of OWL each night as well as every morning at the completion of OWL from the night before.

These programs would not be possible without the support of our District 3 residents. The Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association and the Roosevelt Community Center have been active participants in the OWL conversations and have been instrumental in providing their feedback and suggestions for the program. Thank you to these stakeholders for their leadership and for recognizing that in order to solve the homeless crisis, we must solve it together.

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PROJECT ACTORS RELATED TO AN AMENDMENT WITH THE  
HOMEREST SERVICES OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY GRANT AGREEMENT  
TO USE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID  
PROGRAM FUNDING FOR OVERNIGHT WARMING LOCATIONS DURING  
THE COLD WEATHER SEASON

FOR INFORMATION  
Project Manager for Roosevelt Community Center during operation season  
Overnight Warming Locations

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