

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN
JOSE ENDORSING THE COMMUNITY PLAN TO END
HOMELESSNESS 2020-25**

WHEREAS, nearly five years ago, the City Council adopted the Community Plan to End Homelessness in Santa Clara County (2015-2020) (“Community Plan”), with partners working collectively to, among other efforts, help households resolve their homelessness, increase the number of supportive housing units in Santa Clara County, increase temporary housing and emergency shelter capacity, and launch a new homelessness prevention system; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plan, which is driven by and adopted by the Santa Clara County Continuum of Care (“CoC”), is a planning requirement placed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on CoC funding that provides a county-level roadmap to address homelessness and its root causes, with local jurisdictions tailoring the roadmap to meet local needs; and

WHEREAS, despite the substantial progress made in creating an innovative, coordinated, and more comprehensive supportive housing system, the housing crisis continues to grow nationally and locally; in 2019 over 6,000 people found themselves homeless in San José, 83% of which were unsheltered, and the challenges in ending homelessness are compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the economy and local budgets; and

WHEREAS, in June 2019, the City of San José (“City”) together with Santa Clara County (“County”), Destination: Home, and other cities and non-profits, embarked on strategic planning and an extensive community engagement process to develop a new five-year Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the new Community Plan, community feedback was sought to identify successes and challenges in the homeless system of care, and to collect innovative and inspiring ideas about how to address homelessness generally countywide, and specifically for certain subgroups such as youth and families; and

WHEREAS, this work resulted in the development of 14 strategies that fall into three focus areas: (1) Address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change; (2) Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need; and (3) Improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all; and

WHEREAS, an infusion of time-limited funding from both the state and federal government, and a suspension of regulatory and procedural requirements, has facilitated the City's and County's ability to implement and continue to develop shelter solutions and other supportive services that could have otherwise taken at least 18 months to advance and which were cost-prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, many of the Community Plan strategies are items that the City's Housing Department regularly advances, some of which have been newly implemented given the urgent and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and all activities being implemented by the City now are in alignment with and help advance sub-goals in the Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plan provides stakeholders with a common agenda that, if followed, will result in large collective impact, and endorsement of the new Community Plan will provide the City's Administration the certainty to continue implementing urgent strategies during the COVID-19 public health crisis that also align with the Community Plan strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Council hereby endorses the Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-25.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk