



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 24, 2020

Approved by:

Date: 8/24/2020

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS 2020-25

RECOMMENDATION

Require future Council staff memorandums to include a Homelessness Impact Evaluation based on the Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-25 strategies.

DISCUSSION

Similar to the San José Climate subsection that is dedicated in each Council memo, there should be a requirement that evaluates the impact of future city policies on homelessness. After all, homelessness remains a top priority that Council and staff tackle year after year and all efforts should include evaluating whether any City policies proposed are working towards, or even against, our goals to end homelessness.

The accomplishments of the previous Community Plan 2015-20 were due to the collaboration that spanned amongst the County, cities, non-profit organizations and advocates, and the new Community Plan 2020-25 continues to stress the importance of collaboration across all sectors. As this crisis grows, we are recognizing that the issue of homelessness is coming to a crossroad where solutions cannot solely stem from our Housing Department. There must be focus on a multi-pronged approach. The issue is complex and affects most, if not all, of our City departments. There has been a tremendous effort to increase the interdepartmental collaboration within the City and including this requirement would serve as an additional tool of collaboration between the City departments. This will enable all staff to thoughtfully consider the impacts of future city policies on the Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-25 strategies.