



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Jacky Morales-Ferrand

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 23, 2020

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Date

11/25/20

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO THE AUGUST 2020 – JUNE 2021 NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the following update to the August 2020 – December 2020 Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Work Plan to drop the following items from the December 10, 2020 meeting:

Homelessness Annual Report (Housing)

Purpose: Provide an annual report on homelessness for 2019-2020, including an update on Homelessness & Housing Insecurity among children and families; and cross-reference to the City Council for approval.

Blighted Properties and Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative Report

(Housing)

Purpose: Provide a report on the assessment and options with Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative to continue neighborhood improvements by resolving problem properties afflicted with blight, disrepair, persistent code violations, and criminal activity.

BACKGROUND

Staff requests to drop the Homeless Annual Report work plan item from the December 10, 2020 Neighborhood Services and Education (NSE) Committee meeting due to limited staff capacity. The Homelessness Response Team has been deployed to the City's Emergency Operations Center since March as well as working on the City's temporary shelters and motels, emergency interim housing and encampment solutions. Deferring this item will allow time to work with the County to collect and analyze the homeless data.

Additionally, staff requests to drop the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative Report from the NSE Committee work plan, also due to limited staff capacity. The Department is in the process of hiring a staff person who will develop a workplan for the program. Due to a lack of qualified applicants, the Housing Department reopened the position and is still completing the hiring process. Deferring this item will allow the Housing Department to complete the hiring process and will provide sufficient time for the development of a workplan.

Both items will be added in the January-to-June 2021 NSE Committee work plan. The Annual Homeless Plan will be added to the February 10, 2021 meeting; the Responsible Landlord Engagement Initiative Report will be added to the April 8, 2021 meeting.

/s/

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