Council Policy Prioritization: Early Consideration Response Form

Department	City Manager's Office	**Rules Date**	2/10/2021 **Item** G(3)
Department Rep. Name/Ext.		**Council Member Sponsorship**	Councilmember Peralez
Policy/Ord. Subject	Laura's Law Update		

Staff Recommendation

[✓] GREEN — The Administration can implement this Nominated Idea under its current workplan

     [✓] ALREADY UNDERWAY   [ ] MINIMAL WORK LESS THAN 40 HOURS   [ ] REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

[ ] YELLOW — The Administration recommends Council send this Nominated Idea to the Priority Setting Process (See Complexity Level Below)

[ ] RED — The Administration recommends Council not adopt this Nominated Idea

[ ] NEEDS CLARIFICATION OR MORE TIME TO EVALUATE

Criterion to Determine Scale of Project Complexity

Project complexity is determined by scoring the project in each of the 3 criterions below and then summing the score.

     a. Low Complexity is a sum of 6 or less.

     b. Medium Complexity is a sum of 7 - 9

     c. High Complexity is a sum of 10 or greater.

Total Score = 0

Scoring Criterion		Low Complexity		Medium Complexity		High Complexity	
	Estimated Duration	6 - 9 months	[ ]=1	9 - 18 months	[ ]=2	More than 18 months	[ ]=3
	Organizational Complexity	Can Easily be Absorbed into Existing Workplan	[ ]=1	Planned Work (Future)	[ ]=2	Work Not Currently Proposed	[ ]=3
	(Internal)	Have staff with required skillset/ knowledge	[ ]=1	Have staff with required skillset/requires moderate research	[ ]=2	Do not have staff with required skillset/ requires significant research	[ ]=3
		Less than or equal 2 Staff required	[ ]=1	3 - 4 Staff required	[ ]=2	More than 5 Staff required	[ ]=3
	(External)	1 Additional Departments	[ ]=1	2 Other Department Involved	[ ]=2	3 or more Depts Involved	[ ]=3

DEPT. Required

[ ] Airport   [ ] Housing   [ ] CMO   [ ] OED   [ ] PRNS   [ ] PD   [ ] PBCE

[ ] CA   [ ] ES   [ ] DOT   [ ] LIB.   [ ] PW   [ ] FD   [ ] EM

Explain the rationale for Staff recommendation, including any mitigating factors that need to be considered (recent legislative action, significant workplan changes, etc). Please address the following as well.

GREEN LIGHT: The Administration can implement this Nominated Idea under its current workplan. Item should be sent to Council to add to Department workplan. Explain how the Idea will be approached.

In December 2019, at the direction of City Council and following memos from Councilmembers Khamis and Esparza regarding the "County Implementation of Laura's Law and Enhanced Conservatorships," the Administration added a "Homeless Population Mental Health" policy to the City's Legislative Program that included advocacy for Laura's Law (language included below). The Administration can provide an update on the County's implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment and Laura's Law. In addition, the Administration can send a letter to the County reaffirming the City's position.

Legislative Program Language
Homeless Population Mental Health Policies: Work to support legislation and policies that provide more resources for new or enhanced programs that serve to support the severely mentally ill, dually diagnosed and unhoused in Santa Clara County. Coordinate with the County on strategies to enhance staffing levels, including partnerships with local universities to improve the pipeline of mental health professionals. Support Santa Clara County exploration and potential implementation of Laura's Law (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) and enhanced conservatorship policies. Support the expansion of the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program to provide a steady source of income and health insurance for people with mental illness who are experiencing homelessness.

YELLOW LIGHT: The Administration recommends Council send this Nominated Idea to the Priority Setting Process due to [describe cost implications, workload impacts, or other factors].

RED LIGHT: The Administration recommends Council not adopt this Nominated Idea due to [describe reason implementation would be difficult if not impossible – conflict with other laws, etc].

For questions, please contact Gloria Schmanek, City Manager's Office at (408) 535-8104.