



City of Santa Barbara
Mayor and Council Office

Memorandum

DATE: October 8, 2019

TO: Paul Casey JD

FROM: Jason Dominguez and Kristen Sneddon KS

SUBJECT: Citywide Permanent Supportive Housing

Pursuant to Council Resolution regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda regarding Citywide Permanent Supportive Housing.

- Summary of Information to Be Presented: Options for permanent supportive housing.
- Statement of Specific Action: Update to City Council and the public focusing on housing development in the Housing First concept for homeless, including what stakeholders are doing to assist in this arena.
- Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Request Action:

According to the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, "study after study has shown that supportive housing not only resolves homelessness and increases housing stability, but also improves health and lowers public costs by reducing the use of publicly-funded crisis services, including shelters, hospitals, psychiatric centers, jails, and prisons." While there is no single model for the design of supportive housing, approaches include single-site housing, scattered-site housing, and unit set-asides. This memo seeks an update to City Council on recent State Law changes and regional stakeholder efforts including presentations from Emily Allen of Home for Good, Rob Fredericks of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, and Kimberlee Albers of the Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care.

cc: Mayor and Council
City Administrator's Office
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