



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

SUBJECT: Homelessness

DATE: September 1, 2017

INFORMATION

The crisis of unsheltered residents in Oakland is escalating. The City offers a number of different programs and services to support our homeless residents, with the goal of moving all people into shelter. These programs and services reside throughout several different City departments. The City needs to more closely coordinate its programs and services, both internally and with its external partners including the County of Alameda. For that reason, I have designated Assistant City Administrator Christine Daniel to coordinate the City's response to the homeless crisis by leading the City's interdepartmental Homeless Action Team. Joe DeVries, Assistant to the City Administrator, will work directly with Christine and continue in his longstanding role working with resident and business groups to address quality of life issues including those involving homelessness.

The Mayor prioritized and the City Council allocated significant new funding in the FY 2017-2019 budget and Christine will be charged with ensuring that those funds are expended promptly and efficiently to achieve the outcomes identified by the Council's policy direction.

The immediate focus of the coordinated effort is the following:

- Adding safety and sanitation services at up to 5 encampments this fiscal year
- Developing and operating at least one outdoor safe haven site
- Acquiring and developing a second "Henry Robinson like" facility for interim housing leading to permanent housing.

Additionally, the City will continue to address the needs and effects of ongoing encampments by coordinating clean-ups of camps, and facilitating closures as determined necessary for the health and safety of camp occupants as well as the public. An interdepartmental team is responsible for these interventions and Christine leads that team as part of her overall coordinating role. This team also partners with non-profit service providers and County agencies in the provision of services.

The following City Departments will be engaged in this coordinated effort under Christine's lead:

- City Administrator's Office
- Housing & Community Development
- Human Services Department
- Oakland Fire Department
- Oakland Police Department
- Oakland Public Works

Staff will continue to provide regular reports to the City Council's Life Enrichment Committee and Community & Economic Development Committee on progress toward the Mayor and Council's goal to resolve the homeless crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

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