



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Lea Lakes
Interim Director, Human
Services Department

SUBJECT: Interim Shelter & Transitional
Housing Programs Update,
April 2026

DATE: April 29, 2026

City Administrator Approval:

Date: April 29, 2026

INFORMATION

This memorandum reports on the closure of two interim shelter programs, the planned transition to permanent housing of a third program, and associated program outcomes.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

On April 1, 2026, the City of Oakland implemented the closure of interim shelter program “3rd & Peralta Cabin Site” and interim shelter program “71st Ave Safe Parking Site”.

In addition to these two program closures, Mandela House is evolving into its intended use as permanent supportive housing. This transition process was originally planned for early April 2026 but has been extended to May 29, 2026.

SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year 2025- 26 biennial budget approved by City Council included a \$3 million reduction in the funding of Community Homelessness Services, which did not allow for the continuation of all programs. Interim shelter program “3rd & Peralta Cabin Site” and interim shelter program “71st Ave Safe Parking Site” were selected for closure based on their lower performance metrics.

Since November 2025, City staff have worked closely with the operators of both sites, Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB), to ensure that each program participant was offered alternative shelter or housing options. All program participants were formally informed of the planned transition and were actively engaged in housing stabilization planning. Both programs are now closed; outcomes are summarized below.

The Mandela House development is supported by State of California funding through the California Department of Social Services’ (CDSS) Community Care Expansion (CCE) program,

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which provides approximately \$25 million in capital funding and an additional \$2.6 million in operating support, as well as approximately \$7 million from the State's Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), collectively supporting the acquisition, rehabilitation, and ongoing operation of the project.

The conversion from interim housing to permanent supportive housing for Mandela House has been extended from April 1, 2026, to May 29, 2026. The City made this decision to extend transitional housing options to work with the County and support a more thoughtful and stable transition process. This extension will allow the site operator, HCEB, additional time to continue working closely with participants and the County to identify and secure appropriate permanent housing solutions.

Nearly all participants in the Mandela House program are eligible for permanent supportive housing. The City is working with the service provider and the County to ensure that all current residents are matched with permanent housing, either at Mandela House or elsewhere. Program participants will continue to have this option as the property is transitioned to permanent supportive housing.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

3rd & Peralta Cabin Site:

Of 26 program participants, 20 moved to another shelter program, 1 moved into permanent housing, and 1 moved in with family; 4 declined to state.

71st Ave Safe Parking Site:

Of the 34 people participating in the safe parking program, 12 successfully moved into permanent supportive housing and 16 moved into an interim program for seniors and medically fragile individuals. Four participants moved in with family and friends, and two refused to disclose.

Mandela House:

As of April 29, 2026, of the 103 of participants, 12 have been successfully placed in permanent housing, and 25 have been matched to permanent support housing. The remaining participants will be matched to either off-site permanent supportive housing or at Mandela House through the County's coordinated entry system.

Respectfully submitted,

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