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City Council Staff Report

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TITLE

March 2023 Update on Housing and Services for Unhoused Residents in Palo Alto

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council receive this report and review its contents regarding housing and services for unhoused residents in Palo Alto.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has identified housing for social and economic balance as a key priority in 2021, 2022, and 2023. To that end, in 2022, the City hired a staff person dedicated to providing support on housing projects and programs, including renter protection and unhoused services, coordinating multidepartmental efforts related to services for unhoused residents, engaging with community groups and building collaborative relationships with key stakeholders. While on April 5, 2021,¹ City Council held a study session on services for unhoused residents, the update report in Attachment A is the first to Council intending to provide a combined overview of both housing and services for unhoused residents.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

This report is informational only, no additional funding is requested with this update.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Staff continues to work with community partners focused on housing and/or provision of services to unhoused residents. Additionally, residents communicate to City Council and staff with concerns and ideas relating to housing and services for unhoused residents.

¹ City Council Staff Report, April 5, 2021, <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/reports/city-manager-reports-cmrs/year-archive/2021/id-12133.pdf>

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This informational report will not cause physical changes to the environment and does not constitute a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Housing and Services for Unhoused Residents - 2023 Update

APPROVED BY:

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