

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2024

TO: ACOHH

FROM: Vice Chair Khin Khin Gyi and Members of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness

SUBJECT: **2024 Accomplishments and 2024 Work Plans**

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On July 16, 2024, the Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness (ACOHH) approved the transmittal of the following information to the City Council:

Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness 2024 Accomplishments

- To increase affordable and supportive housing across the City by recommending and supporting staff as well as providing input to the City Council with the following projects:
 - ***Culver City Project Homekey Interim and Permanent Supportive Housing Program*** – this 73-unit motel repurpose project opened in October 2024 and provides 38 rooms of interim housing and 36 rooms of permanent supportive housing for Culver City’s chronically unhoused population. Exodus Recovery is the lead service provider for Project Homekey. As of June 2024, the interim housing side is at 80% occupancy and the permanent supportive housing side is at 100% occupancy.
 - ***Safe Sleep Village Program*** – this project was opened in July 2023 and provides 20 tents of interim housing to our most chronically and vulnerable unhoused population who are not yet ready to be indoors. Urban Alchemy is the lead service provider for the Safe Sleep Wellness Village. The occupancy rate at this program fluctuates, as this an interim housing site. As of June 2024, the occupancy rate is at 100%.
 - ***Culver City Motel Master Lease Program*** – Culver City provides a total of 64 units of interim housing through a lease with two local motels, Rodeway Inn and Paradie Inn. Rodeway Inn provides 37 units and Paradise Inn provides 27 units of interim housing for our

chronically unhoused population. The occupancy at both motels fluctuates depending on how many unhoused clients exit the program voluntarily or involuntarily.

- **2024 Homeless Count** – to streamline data collection to increase housing options for those who unhoused within Culver City. On January 24, 2024, representatives from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Culver City Housing and Human Services Department, Culver City Manager’s Office, Culver City Police Department, Culver City Fire Department, Culver City St. Joseph Center Outreach Team, and the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness, met for the annual enumeration. The homeless count data in conjunction with other records aids in better understanding the state of homelessness within Culver City and LA County. While our homeless count results are important, it is just one data point that we consider as we make policy decisions on how to address homelessness in our community. To maintain data consistency and credibility, the Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness is exploring the option of conducting multiple internal Homeless Counts in a year.
- **Mobile Crisis Team** – the Culver City Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) launched on March 2024. This team is a mobile unarmed multi-disciplinary team that responds to mental health emergencies in the Culver City jurisdiction and also provides homeless outreach services Monday – Friday from 10AM – 3PM.
- **Urban Alchemy Homeless Outreach Team** – in July 2024, the City has contracted with Urban Alchemy to provide homeless outreach services to our unhoused community from Monday – Sunday from 3PM – 11:30PM.
- **Healthcare in Action** – in April 2024, the City executed an agreement with Healthcare in Action to provide mobile healthcare services and case management to our unhoused community and unhoused clients in our Safe Sleep Village, Motel Master Lease Program, and Culver City Project Homekey Interim and Permanent Supportive Housing Program.

Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness 2024 Work Plans

- To increase temporary shelter, affordable, and permanent supportive housing across the City by continuing to support Housing staff and provide recommendations to City Council regarding the programs as outlined below.
 - *Priorities for ACOHH:*
 - Assist staff in the creation of a website homeless stats dashboard. Dashboard 1.0 is set to launch on August 26, 2024.
 - Explore the implementation of a Safe Parking Program Pilot Program utilizing 5 parking spaces at Paradise Inn.

- Explore citing options on City owned property.
- Update of the 2018 Culver City's Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness. HHS has secured \$65K in grant monies through the Local Solutions Grant through the Westside Cities of Councils of Government to support this effort.
- Seek additional grant funding sources to create more housing for our unhoused neighbors. Some of the Measure H funding sources that have already been identified are the Innovation Grant and Local Solutions Grant through the Westside Cities of Councils of Government, and the Los Angeles County CEO Homeless Initiative Grants to support interim and permanent homeless housing.
- Continue to provide input to City Council around legislation, policies, and land use regulations that increase affordable and supportive housing, primarily exploration of revenue that will assist in addressing housing and homeless issues within the parameters of Culver City.
 - *Priorities ACOHH:*
 - Exploration of taxes (i.e. vacancy tax) and fees with revenue to support homeless housing and services in Culver City.
 - Examine supportive legislation impacting homelessness and housing.
 - Explore streamlining land use regulations and policies.