

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR VERA AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY

FROM: Chair Daniel Behrendt and Members of the Culver City Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness

SUBJECT: **JANUARY- JUNE 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2023/2024 PROPOSED ACTIVITY/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS**

Work Plans

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On August 22, 2023, the Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness (ACOH) approved the transmittal of the following information to the City Council:

Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness 2022 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:
 - **Motel Reuse Project** - to increase interim housing and permanent supportive housing for those who are chronically homeless within Culver City. This project has been a collaboration across multiple City departments as well as the City's contracted construction management team (KOA), construction crew (Cornerstone), and other agencies, including lead service provider, Exodus Recovery, Culver City's St. Joseph Center Homeless Outreach Team, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, and LA County's Department of Health. This 73-unit motel repurpose project will provide 38 rooms of interim housing and 36 rooms of permanent supportive housing. Culver City Project Homekey is anticipated to come online in September 2023.
 - **Safe Sleep Village Program** - to increase interim housing for those who are chronically homeless. After declaring a local homelessness emergency on January 3, 2023, the City of Culver City is preparing

a safe-camping site for unhoused neighbors at the City-owned parking lot on Virginia Avenue. The purpose is to provide a safe, sanitary, and service-enriched environment for unhoused neighbors and their pets. Construction of the safe-camping site began in February 2023. Culver City has contracted with Urban Alchemy to oversee the daily operations of this program. Safe Sleep Village opened its doors on August 14, 2023 and is currently assisting 11 persons, including 1 couple. Safe Sleep Village should be at full occupancy by end of September 2023.

- **2023 Homeless Count** – to streamline data collection to increase housing options for those who unhoused within Culver City. On January 25, 2023, representatives from 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.

Advisory Committee on Housing and Homelessness 2023 Work Plans

- To increase temporary shelter, affordable, and 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:**
 - The application of Project Homekey Round 3 funding.
 - The execution of Culver City's Mobile Crisis Intervention Team.
 - The continuation of the Culver City's Motel Voucher Program/Motel Master Lease Program
 - The update of the 2018 Culver City's Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness.
 - Tour interim housing developments, such as LifeArk in El Monte.
- Continue to provide input to City Council around legislation and policies 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 for Cities' Legal Team:**
 - Exploration of Assembly Bill 2011.

- Exploration of a Parking Reforms and Maximum/ Senate Bill 10.
- Exploration of taxes and fees with revenue to support homeless housing and services in Culver City.