



# Human Relations Commission

## Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

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**TO:** HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS **DATE:** MARCH 23, 2023

**FROM:** OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS **WARDS:** ALL

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM OPERATION SAFE HOUSE ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE**

### **ISSUE:**

Receive a presentation from Operation Safe House on youth homelessness in the City of Riverside.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Human Relations Commission receives a presentation from Operation Safe House on youth homelessness in the City of Riverside.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Operation SafeHouse has provided street outreach to vulnerable youth ages 11-24 since 1997. This nonprofit provides emergency shelter, programming that follows best practices in health and wellness, and wrap around services to homeless youth.

Additionally, there are 187 Safe Place locations that provide a space for youth to access Operation Safe House resources in person or virtually. Participating Safe Place locations include Riverside City Parks, Riverside City Fire stations, Public Libraries, Youth Opportunity Centers, and Riverside Transit Agency buses.

Presentations to over 30,000 youth in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade occur annually to educate youth about the programs available and where to go if they need help. Operation SafeHouse also provides community presentations to keep all stakeholders abreast of the availability of services and where to go for help.

### **DISCUSSION:**

During the Human Relations Committee meeting, Operation SafeHouse will provide an overview on their homeless youth programs.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

Because this is a presentation from Operation SafeHouse, it is not required to align with the City's strategic Plan. The intent of this report is to present information regarding the topic in neutral fashion for the Committee's review.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this staff report.

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Attachment: Presentation