



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: CITY COUNCIL**  
**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER SOUBIROUS**  
**SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS**

**DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2017**

**WARDS: ALL**

## **ISSUE:**

Council appointment of community members to a new City Commission designed to bring suggestions and solutions related to homelessness to Council and provide another level of engagement with residents and business owners.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the members of the City Council:

1. Approve the creation of a citizen appointed Commission on Homelessness; and
2. Refer to the Governmental Affairs Committee to further develop the scope, guidelines, and submit recommendation(s) to Council for approval.

## **BACKGROUND:**

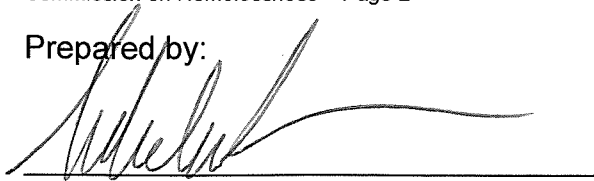
Homelessness is a matter that touches the lives of all Riversiders. Our City has done much to help mitigate homeless crimes, while also offering help and working toward building self-sufficiency within the homeless community. Our residents and business owners expect their local government to develop solutions to ensure their safety, offer those services that can help and reduce homelessness and recidivism. As such, our residents and business owners should share in the processes developed to engage homelessness within the City of Riverside.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Section 801 of the City Charter states, "The City Council shall include in its annual budget such appropriations of funds as in its opinion shall be sufficient for the efficient and proper funding of such boards and commissions."

Based on the scope, size, and meeting frequency of the proposed Commission on Homelessness, staff will recommend estimated funding requirements and funding sources as this process moves forward.

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Mike Soubrious  
Ward 3 Councilmember

Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney