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# Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

TO: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS DATE: AUGUST 24, 2020

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON INLAND EMPIRE HARM REDUCTION ORGANIZATION

**ISSUE:**

Receive a presentation from the Inland Empire Harm Reduction non-profit organization and their program and services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Housing and Homelessness Committee receive and file a presentation from the Inland Empire Harm Reduction organization on their programs and services.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 22nd, the Housing & Homelessness Committee requested a presentation by the Inland Empire Harm Reduction (IEHR) organization. The IEHR is a community-based public health organization working to improve the health and well-being of people affected by drug use in the Inland Empire region. IEHR goals include improving access to health care for people who use drugs and people in recovery by acting as bridge to other health services, including treatment for substance use disorders, HIV and HCV viruses. IEHR is working collaboratively with the California Department of Public Health, County of Riverside, and Homeless service agencies to plan a Syringe Services Program (SSP).

Raphaella O'Meara, co-founder of IEHR, will deliver the presentation. More information on the organization and programs can be found at <https://www.ieharmreduction.org/>.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

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