



City of Arts & Innovation

Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

TO: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS DATE: JUNE 28, 2021

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARD: ALL

SUBJECT: OVERVIEW PRESENTATION BY OPERATION SAFEHOUSE ON HOMELESS SERVICES – DIRECT SUBMITTAL

ISSUE:

Receive and file overview presentation by Operation SafeHouse on their homeless and housing programs and services.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Housing and Homelessness Committee receive and file the presentation from Operation SafeHouse on their homeless and housing programs and services.

BACKGROUND:

Operation SafeHouse operates both an Emergency Shelter and Transitional Living Program within the City of Riverside, serving Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-24 years. The Emergency Shelter provides immediate housing 24 hours a day and 7-days per week with a 21-day program full of services, including individual, group and family counseling, education on site and recreation activities to help TAY thrive. The Transitional Living Program provides not only housing, but employment assistance, individualized case management, and specialized therapy for the TAY population to progress to self-sufficiency.

Operation SafeHouse also has a robust Street Outreach program with the goal of increasing youth safety who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness ages 11-24. The Street Outreach program operates in the City of Riverside and throughout the County of Riverside utilizing community partnerships with youth opportunity centers, local Municipalities, and County partners such as Behavioral Health and Housing Authority.

Additionally, Operation SafeHouse serves as the Co-Chair of the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking task force, ensuring comprehensive care to all trafficking victims. Additional programs and services are provided including targeted mental health care, and support for the LGBTQ+

population. More information can be found on the Operation SafeHouse website at <https://operationsafehouse.org/>

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the report.

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Attachment: Presentation