

*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** **DATE: AUGUST 23, 2021**

**FROM: CHAIR ERIN EDWARDS** **WARDS: ALL**  
**HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE DRAFT GOALS AND  
ACTIVITIES: YEAR 2**

## **ISSUE:**

Provide input on the attached draft goals and activities for July 2021-June 2022.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Provide input on the attached draft goals and activities for July 2021-June 2022. Allow Housing & Homelessness Committee Chair to make edits based on the committee's discussion to present final goals and activities to the full Riverside City Council in September 2021 for feedback.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Housing & Homelessness Committee had its very first meeting in May of 2020. At the June 28, 2021 Committee meeting, Housing & Homelessness Committee Chair Erin Edwards led a conversation with committee members Vice Chair Gaby Plascencia and Member Andy Melendrez about successes and challenges of the Committee's first year. Committee members analyzed the topics covered in Year 1, discussed goals for the committee's upcoming year, and provided input on potential activities to align with those goals. The Committee gave direction to the Chair to compile this feedback and return to the Committee with a draft Year 2 plan.

Since this time, Committee Member Andy Melendrez has retired, and Councilmember Clarissa Cervantes has joined the Housing & Homelessness Committee as the member.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The attached document, Draft Housing & Homelessness Committee Goals and Activities: Year 2, attempts to summarize the Committee's conversation in June 2021. It is proposed that the Committee focus on the following goals in 2021/2022:

- Increasing shelter beds;
- Monitoring progress on existing programs, resources, & services;
- Recommending strategies for housing affordability;

- Building regional infrastructure to address housing and homelessness; and
- Examining funding and legislation for housing and homelessness

The proposed activities that align with the five goals above have been placed on the calendar for the July 2021-June 2022 Housing & Homelessness Committee meetings. Goals/activities are color-coded to facilitate conversation.

Input from the current Committee members is critical to a productive second year.

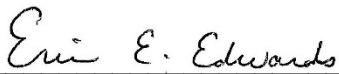
To consider:

- Is the information from the June 2021 meeting captured correctly on the Draft document?
- Will the Committee be able to deliver upon all five proposed goals?
- How will doing so “move the needle” on housing & homelessness in the City of Riverside (how will we know we the committee is successful?)
- How will the proposed Year 2 schedule engage stakeholders and residents in relevant and ongoing conversations about housing & homelessness?

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to this report or discussion.

Submitted by:



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