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# Housing and Homelessness Committee Memorandum

**TO: HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**DATE: AUGUST 23, 2021**

**FROM: CHAIR ERIN EDWARDS  
HOUSING AND HOMELESS COMMITTEE**

**WARD: ALL**

**SUBJECT: WAIVE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL  
CODE SECTIONS 4.05.050(D)(1)(A) AND 4.05.050(D)(1)(B) TO TAKE ACTION  
ON THE PROPOSED HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE YEAR 2  
WORKPLAN: CREATING A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS**

**ISSUE:**

Waive the Sunshine Ordinance by a two-thirds vote pursuant to Riverside Municipal Code Sections 4.05.050(D)(1)(a) and 4.05.050(D)(1)(b) to add the agenda item regarding the proposed Housing and Homelessness Committee Year 2 Workplan: Creating a Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee waive the Sunshine Ordinance pursuant to Riverside Municipal Code Sections 4.05.050(D)(1)(a) and 4.05.050(D)(1)(b) to add the agenda item regarding the proposed Housing and Homelessness Committee Year 2 Workplan: Creating a Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness.

**BACKGROUND:**

Chair Edwards respectfully requests that the Housing & Homelessness Committee waive the sunshine ordinance to discuss a proposal to draft a Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness. New information has come to light since the Housing & Homelessness Committee Agenda first published on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Housing Authority learned that-- in order to be eligible for the third round of funding through the State’s Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP)--Riverside must complete and submit a formal plan. HHAP has earmarked \$8.4M for the City of Riverside. The City will receive 20% of the funding in October of 2021; however, the remaining 80% will be held back until June of 2022 upon submittal of a formal plan.

The development of a Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness aligns with the Housing and Homelessness Committee’s work, building upon previous conversations to set and advance the Committee’s goals in 2021-2022 and shifting the focus to the completion of a formal plan to reduce homelessness by June 2022.

**DISCUSSION:**

Housing and Homelessness Committee Chair Edwards is requesting to waive the Sunshine Ordinance. Riverside Municipal Code Sections 4.05.050(D)(1)(a) and 4.05.050(D)(1)(b) provide that Sunshine Notice Requirements may be executed if the following apply:

(1) The local body, by a two-thirds of those members present, adopts a motion determining that, upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, it was not reasonably possible to meet the additional notice requirements under this section and any one of the following exists:

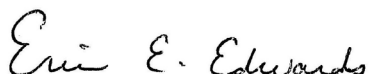
- (a) The need to take immediate action on the item is required to avoid a substantial impact that would occur if the action were deferred to a subsequent special or regular meeting; or
- (b) There is a need to take immediate action which relates to federal, state, county or other governmental agency legislation or action or the local body’s eligibility for any grant or gift.

The Housing and Homelessness Committee plans to present the proposal for a Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness to the City Council at the September 30, 2021 City Council Special Meeting to seek input from colleagues and the public on a conceptual plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this report.

Submitted by:

  
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Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney