

Homelessness and Public Safety Workshop Next Steps

Office of Homeless Solutions

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HOMELESS INITIATIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- <u>Outcome 1: Availability of Alternatives</u>. Rapidly increase effective alternatives to incarceration for individuals who are experiencing homelessness, who commit crimes, who may be a danger to themselves or others, or who have drug addiction and/or behavioral health issues.
- Outcome 2: Legislative Support. Influence State legislation that strengthens the ability of local governments to assist individuals with drug addiction and/or behavioral health issues who also may be experiencing homelessness



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- Outcome 3: Funding Advocacy. Effective coordinate to obtain State and Federal funding for increasing local and regional capacity to beneficially assist individuals with drug addiction and/or behavioral health issues who also may be experiencing homelessness.
- Outcome 4: Reinforcement of Local Responsibility. Put into place local and regional ordinances and other mechanisms to reinforce local responsibilities for individuals with drug addiction and/or behavioral health issues who also may be experiencing homelessness.



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NEXT STEPS

- 1. Staff to produce an action item list of the recommendations made by City Council during the workshop.
- 2. Staff to work with the County to finalize the MOU and bring back to City Council for approval.





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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Priorities



#2 Community Well-Being

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility







Innovation

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

- 1. Conduct a homelessness and public safety workshop;
- 2. Conceptually approve a draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Riverside Homeless Initiative between the City and County of Riverside.
- 3. Direct the Public Safety Committee to discuss the prohibition of unauthorized patient drop offs within the City of Riverside.
- 4. Lobby the state legislature to invest in State Hospitals and Correctional facilities to meet the needs of California's population.



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