



# Monterey County

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## Board Report

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Receive a presentation on the 7 Principles to Addressing Encampments

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Homelessness Committee receive a presentation on the recently released “7 Principles to Addressing Encampments” by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On June 15, 2022, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) partnered with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Justice (DOJ), Veterans Affairs (VA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and several national partners to release a guidance titled “7 Principles of Addressing Encampments” to assist local decision-makers in more effectively removing encampments. While USICH acknowledges that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to unsheltered homelessness, these principles ensure that decision-makers work with individuals in encampments to reduce the mental, emotional and physical implications of encampment clean-ups while guiding them towards a pathway to shelter and/or housing.

These seven (7) principles include:

- Principle 1: Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response
- Principle 2: Engage Encampment Residents to Develop Solutions
- Principle 3: Conduct Comprehensive and Coordinated Outreach
- Principle 4: Address Basic Needs and Provide Storage
- Principle 5: Ensure Access to Shelter or Housing Options
- Principle 6: Develop Pathways to Permanent Housing and Supports
- Principle 7: Create a Plan for What Will Happen to Encampment Sites After Closure

Staff plans to incorporate these principles into upcoming recommended initiatives as we move forward in strategizing the County’s homelessness response.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

### FINANCING:

There is no effect to the County General Fund resulting from the receipt of this report.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

*One or two sentences explaining how this recommendation supports/advances the Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives. Reference to any Key Objectives and/or Milestones that are related.*

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

*"7 Principles to Addressing Encampments"* by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness