

**Board Report** 

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a. Briefing and update on homelessness in Monterey County, including an overview, definitions, current strategies, and identifying barriers to ending homelessness (verbal report); andb. Provide direction to staff on next steps.

# **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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b. Provide direction to staff on next steps.

## SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Homelessness is a complex and multifaced issue that must be addressed from a cooperative and multipronged approach. A collaboration of representatives from several county departments and local partner will provide a high-level overview of the organizational structure of services currently provided within the County, a brief primer on defining homelessness, identifying types of housing and shelters, current strategies to address homelessness and identifying barriers to end homelessness.

Staff seeks direction regarding future workshop topics, appropriate referrals to committees and other guidance.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The County Administrative Office, Department of Social Services, Housing and Community Development, Health Department, County Office of Education, and the Coalition of Homeless Services providers have coordinated their efforts to provide this report.

#### FINANCING:

Approval of this recommendation and receiving the verbal report does not require funding or impact the County's general fund.

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This Agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by promoting services and strategies to address homelessness through county supported policies, programs, and services.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

\_\_Economic Development \_\_Administration \_X Health & Human Services \_\_Infrastructure \_\_Public Safety Prepared by: Lauren Suwansupa, Community Affiliation Manager, X8492

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Attachment: Homeless Workshop PPT