

Board Report

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<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

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SUMMARY:

Addressing issues related to homelessness is a key priority of the Board of Supervisors. Successfully reducing homelessness in Monterey County will require a coordinated inter-governmental approach. As such, State and local elected officials as well as members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the 5 Year Plan Update presentation/discussion.

DISCUSSION:

The Lead Me Home Plan (LMHP) has been developed by the Lead Me Home Leadership Council of Monterey and San Benito Counties and coordinated by the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP), in partnership with the County of Monterey Department of Social Services and the County of Monterey Health Department, the County of San Benito Health and Human Services Department and the City of Salinas. The LMHP sets out the ambitious goal of reducing the total population of people experiencing homelessness in Monterey and San Benito Counties by 50 % over 5 years from July 2021 to June 2026. Measurable performance targets have been established for each year of the plan, including targets for improvement in program performance as well as for creation of new housing inventory. The LMHP contains overarching strategies as well as a multi-agency action plan intended to achieve plan goals.

After presentation of the LMHP, State legislators in attendance will be invited to comment. Three County departments with key roles to play will also be asked to comment on potential actions within their purview which could help achieve action plan goals. These County departments are: Housing and Community Development, Social Services and Health. Local elected officials and the general public will then be asked to comment.

The Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting with the City of Salinas City Council early in 2021 to discuss issues and opportunities for partnerships to address homelessness. Direction was given to County staff to return

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with a more wide-ranging workshop on homeless issues and opportunities for collaboration during the Summer of 2021. Staff is working with CHSP and other partners to schedule such a workshop in Spring 2022; however, it is critical to proceed at this time with a presentation and discussion of the LMHP.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

This Board item has been coordinated closely with the CHSP and County Departments of Housing and Community Development, Social Services and Health.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the General fund from receipt of this report. It is possible that there could be as yet unquantified impacts to the General Fund related to implementing actions as specified in the LMHP action plan.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

_X_Economic Development _Administration _X_Health & Human Services _Infrastructure HPublic Safety

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Attachments: "Lead Me Home Plan"