



STAFF REPORT

February 28, 2024
File Number 0610-90

SUBJECT

HOMELESSNESS POLICY STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT

Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Homelessness

RECOMMENDATION

Request the City Council approve the Homelessness Policy Statement created by the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Homelessness.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Council: Dane White, Mayor and Joe Garcia, Councilmember)

Presenters: Dane White, Mayor and Joe Garcia, Councilmember

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Police Services; Fire/EMS Services; Keep City Clean for Public Health and Safety; Land Use/Development; Clean Water; Sewer; Public Works/Infrastructure; Maintenance of Parks facilities/Open Spaces

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Eliminate Structural Deficit; Improve Public Safety; Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido; Encourage Housing Development

BACKGROUND

On March 8, 2023, the City Council voted unanimously to create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Homelessness and appointed Mayor Dane White and Councilmember Joe Garcia to serve on it.

Over the last year, the Subcommittee met with stakeholders and staff; visited safe camping sites, safe parking sites and homeless shelters; and created a Homelessness Policy Statement (Attachment “1”).

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Attachment “1” - Homelessness Policy Statement