



CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

Item Title:	Provide direction on Homelessness Task Force recommendations
Category:	Community Development
Meeting Date:	3/1/2022
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Recommendation:	Provide direction on Homelessness Task Force recommendations.

Background:

At the February 1, 2022 City Council meeting, the Homelessness Task Force provided its report and presentation to the City Council. Although Council discussed the item, no specific direction was provided to staff and Mayor Tran requested that staff bring this item back for Council consideration at the first regular Council meeting in March.

Analysis:

The February 1 agenda report, included as Attachment 1, provides background information and overview of the Homelessness Task Force and also includes the Homelessness Task Force report presentation that delineates the task force program ideas in detail. The Task Force recommendations were grouped in five key areas:

1. Milpitas Homelessness Help Center
2. Temporary Housing Programs
3. Homelessness Prevention Programs
4. Work and Self-Sufficiency Programs
5. Accountability

Although the City has been investing a significant amount of resources in unhoused services and homelessness prevention, the recommendations from the Task Force will require additional funding and will need to be prioritized in the context of all other Council and community priorities. It is also important to note that the current limited staff capacity has necessitated sole focus on work plan items associated with federal or state requirements. Additional staffing resources will be required to conduct any further research or implementation related to the Homelessness Task Force.

Fiscal Impact:

Depending on Council direction on the Homelessness Task Force recommendations, there may be future fiscal impact in terms of funding or personnel cost to conduct research and implementation.

California Environmental Quality Act:

The action being considered has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). If the City Council is inclined to explore any of the task force recommendations, after staffing resources are secured, staff will conduct a CEQA analysis, or verify the applicability of a CEQA exemption, prior to any discretionary action to approve or move forward with any recommendation.

Recommendation:

Provide direction on Homelessness Task Force recommendations.

Attachment:

1. February 1, 2022 Council agenda report