

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS ENDORSING THE 2020-2025 SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Santa Clara County Continuum of Care (CoC) and Destination: Home developed the 2015-2020 Community Plan to End Homelessness, where the community came together to create a roadmap that identified innovative strategies for reducing homelessness and set goals to create new housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to address homelessness in a comprehensive way and to access state and federal funding, the CoC is a collaborative created by a broad group of stakeholders led by the County Office of Supportive Housing to coordinate housing and services funding for unhoused individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plan to End Homelessness, which is driven and adopted by the Santa Clara County Continuum of Care, is a planning requirement placed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on CoC funding; and

WHEREAS, despite the progress made in creating a coordinated supportive housing system, the housing crisis continues to grow statewide and locally; in 2019, over 9,700 residents found themselves homeless in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, in June 2019, the Santa Clara County Continuum of Care and Destination: Home began embarking on a community engagement process to develop a new five-year plan, the 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness (“Community Plan”); and

WHEREAS, during the development of the new Community Plan, feedback was sought from a variety of stakeholders in the community to identify challenges in the homeless system of care and to collect innovative ideas on how to reduce and end homelessness countywide; and

WHEREAS, this work resulted in the development of strategies that fall into three main strategic areas: (1) Address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change; (2) Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need; and (3) Improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all; and

WHEREAS, many of the Community Plan strategies are items that the Milpitas City Council has advanced, including policies and programs implemented by the Building Safety and Housing Department, and activities being planned or implemented are in alignment with the Community Plan to help advance its goals; and

WHEREAS, with homelessness being a regional issue, preventing and ending homelessness requires collaboration and coordination of resources at all levels of government, together with community institutions, nonprofit agencies, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plan provides a regional-level roadmap and a common agenda for community stakeholders that, if followed, will result in a collective impact on ending homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this resolution at a regular meeting of the City Council on December 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, declares and resolves as follows:

The City Council hereby endorses the 2020-2025 Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Rich Tran, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christopher J. Diaz, City Attorney