

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

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## INFORMATION

**SUBJECT: COORDINATION WITH COUNTY OFFICE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ON EXPLORATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF A SANCTIONED ENCAMPMENT PILOT PROGRAM**

At the December 8, 2015 City Council meeting, Council directed the Housing Department to return with information regarding the City's coordination with the County of Santa Clara's current efforts to explore the feasibility of a sanctioned encampment pilot program.

In September, the County Board of Supervisors approved funding for an implementation plan to carry out the County of Santa Clara's Housing Task Force recommendations to address the immediate needs of homeless individuals in Santa Clara County. From the County's recent approval of the Housing Task Force recommendations, \$200,000 has been allocated to help the community determine the feasibility of unconventional shelter and housing programs, including sanctioned encampments and tiny homes.

The funds will be set aside as "predevelopment loans (i.e., recoverable grants)" for qualified organizations to develop detailed proposals for temporary shelter sites, permanent housing, or interim housing sites using unconventional structures and programs. After discussion with City staff, the County has agreed to also include options for sanctioned encampment proposals in its upcoming Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

The County will issue a NOFA for grants to develop proposals. City staff will participate on a committee that will review and rank the applications for funding. A NOFA will be released by the end of December 2015 and proposals will be due in February 2016. Proposals will be required to:

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- identify potential sites;
- provide solutions to address potential zoning, building code, and compliance issues;
- include services and programming; and
- include all other elements needed to successfully fund, develop, and operate the program.

The Housing Department will provide the City Council with an information memorandum detailing the results of the NOFA. Staff may bring forward additional actions or funding requests if one or more qualified applicants are identified through the NOFA for a sanctioned encampment pilot program.

/s/

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