



REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE ISSUED: October 21, 2010

REPORT NO: CCR 10-008

ATTENTION: Council President and Members of the City Council
For the Agenda of October 22, 2010

SUBJECT: FY 2011 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter

REQUESTED ACTION:

Consider the potential sites for the FY2011 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program and select one for implementation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Declaring that a homeless shelter crisis exists in the City of San Diego, in accordance with California Government Code Section 8698.2(a)(1); and
2. Approving the FY 2011 Emergency Homeless Winter Shelter Plan as described in San Diego Housing Commission Report to City Council No. CCR 10-007 upon certification of funds availability by the City Auditor and Chief Financial Officer; and
3. Designating one of the properties identified on Attachment A to San Diego Housing Commission Report to City Council No. 10-008 as the site location of the Single Adult Shelter for the FY 2011 Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter Program; or
4. Introducing and adopting an Emergency Ordinance to site a temporary Homeless Emergency Winter Shelter in Balboa Park.
5. Authorize the Mayor or his designee and the Housing Commission to prepare documentation necessary to proceed with implementation of the FY 2011 Emergency Homeless Winter Shelter on the site chosen by the Council.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There is no impact to the General Fund from these actions. On April 6 and May 24, 2010, through (City Council Resolution #305741 and City Council Resolution #305864), Council approved acceptance and expenditure of \$660,147 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funds and \$856,809 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) budget was approved on May 11, 2010, in which \$445,000 was budgeted for the Homeless Programs, including some funding for the Winter Shelter Program. Subject to HUD approval, which has been requested, the ESG funds will be directly administered by SDHC, as will SDHC's own funds.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION:

The City Council approved an RFP for Winter Shelter Program Operations on March 23, 2010. There was no response to this RFP; the operation reverted to the current operator, Alpha Project of San Diego. Oversight of the Winter Shelter Program was transferred to the San Diego Housing Commission on June 29, 2010. At its meetings of September 20, October 12, October 18 and October 19, 2010 City Council considered issues related to the winter shelter program. On October 18, 2010, the City Council approved the site and operation of the program for veterans; on October 19 the City Council directed staff to return October 22, 2010 with alternative site recommendations regarding the program for adults.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

As noted above, City Council has held four public meetings on this issue. In addition, staff made numerous contacts with local community organizations and interested individuals over the past four months to solicit recommendations and feedback.

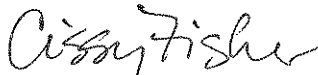
KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Program partners include homeless individuals and families, the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Department, Mental Health Services (health care workers and case managers), and various non-profit agencies that provide support services to the City's Homeless Shelter Program. The most significant projected impact will be a decrease in the number of persons without shelter in the winter months of 2010-2011.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

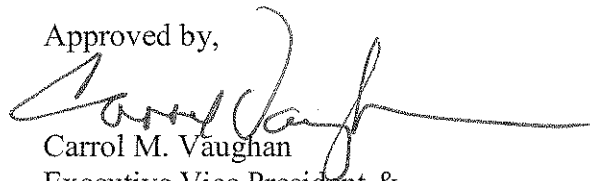
This activity is not a "project" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378, and therefore, is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15060(C)(3). In addition, this activity is exempt under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58.34(A)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by,



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