

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 18, 2019

SUBJECT: Motion by the Committee on the Homeless

This Letter to Commission transmits a motion made by the Committee on the Homeless at its July 9th meeting.

Affordable housing is a community wide need that will benefit many, including work force employees, seniors, and vulnerable residents. Some sectors of our homeless population will be positively impacted as well and have direct need. It would be beneficial to the community for directed funding for this issue. Seniors, families, victims of domestic violence, veterans, LGBTQ and transgender young adults, and young adults just out of foster care, are especially vulnerable and can escape homelessness with affordable housing assistance. Another large component, that is not housing, but a step towards being healthy for housing, is treatment beds, which are in short supply. Our MBPD has specifically identified that they need more treatment beds for their groundbreaking and successful Marchman program getting treatment for our chronic population that have addiction issues.

The following motion was made by Ms. Lori Bakkum, seconded Ms. Debby Schwartz and approved unanimously by the Committee on the Homeless.

The Committee on the Homeless supports an allocation of development fees to assist in housing for the most vulnerable people, described above, who are homeless or likely to become homeless, that will benefit from housing assistance and an allocation to a fund for MBPD and Homeless Outreach to draw from specifically for treatment beds, as needed to get people off the streets.

The Committee on the Homeless is comprised of the following members:

- Ms. Valerie Navarrete, Chair
- Ms. Lori Bakkum
- Mr. Darren Cefalu
- Ms. Marcella Paz-Cohen
- Ms. Charlotte Tomic
- Ms. Helen Swartz
- Ms. Debby Schwartz
- Mr. Mitchell Krous
- Mr. Cliff Friedman (absent)

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