



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Grisanti and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Date prepared: June 22, 2021 Meeting date: July 12, 2021

Subject: Homelessness Task Force (Continued from June 14, 2021)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Discuss the establishment of a Task Force to address issues related to homelessness; 2) Determine the structure and objectives of the task force if appropriate, and 3) Provide direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPACT: A Public Safety Liaison position has been included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to assist Public Safety staff with issues related to homelessness. This position will support the Task Force if it is created. The Public Safety Liaison will help prepare and post meeting agendas, develop staff reports, and provide other general staff support.

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

DISCUSSION: This item was originally scheduled for the June 14, 2021, City Council meeting. The item was continued to the July 12, 2021, City Council meeting to allow the Council more time to review additional background documents. These documents can be viewed at <https://www.malibucity.org/1066/Reference-Documents>.

On May 10, 2021, the City Council discussed the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to address issues related to homelessness and directed staff to bring back an item to discuss the establishment of a Task Force instead. The City Council suggested that the Task Force could include 10 members, with Council members appointing two members each. The City Council would assign specific goals and objectives for the Task Force to work on and report back by dates specified by the City Council.

The City currently has an active Homelessness Working Group (Group) that was established in June 2018 as part of the adoption of the Homelessness Strategic Plan by

the City Council on June 25, 2018. The City's Public Safety office oversees the Group, which is charged with overseeing the implementation of the Plan and includes members of the Malibu community, representatives from the City's Public Safety Commission, the faith community, Community Assistance and Resource Team (CART), The People Concern, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office, and the Malibu Library. The Group has done extensive research over the years into different options and strategies to address homelessness in Malibu, including potential locations for an Alternative Sleeping Location and Safe Parking.

The City's Homelessness Strategic Plan was developed through extensive participation and outreach to the community. The Plan was adopted in June 2018, and in January 2021, the Homelessness Working Group updated the Goals and objectives of the plan (Attachment 1) to better reflect current efforts. These updated goals and objectives have not been adopted by the City Council but could provide a starting point for a Task Force.

Staff recommends that the City Council consider existing organizations and plans and discuss the options for a Homelessness Task Force and provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Homelessness Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives