



Special Meeting  
07-21-21

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# Council Agenda Report

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

Prepared by: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager

Approved by: Steve McClary, Interim City Manager

Date prepared: July 13, 2021 Meeting date: July 21, 2021

Subject: Establishing a Homelessness Task Force

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-43 establishing a Homelessness Task Force to address issues related to homelessness; 2) Consider waiving City Council Policy 48 that limits individuals to serving on one commission, committee, or board; 3) Each Councilmember to appoint two members to the Homelessness Task Force; and 4) Provide direction to staff.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** A Public Safety Liaison position has been included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to assist the Public Safety Manager in supporting the Task Force and implementing strategies that result from the work of the Task Force. The full cost of salary and benefits for this position is approximately \$120,000.

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

**DISCUSSION:** At the July 12, 2021 City Council Regular meeting, the Council approved the establishment of a Task Force comprised of ten people, with each Councilmember appointing two members. The Task Force will be charged with reviewing existing efforts of the Homelessness Working Group, reviewing the concept and need for an Alternative Sleeping Location (ASL), developing strategies to mitigate the fire safety concerns of encampments located in open space and undeveloped private property, developing strategies for addressing other issues related to homelessness, and providing regular updates and recommendations to the City Council.

The Task Force will meet at least once monthly on a day and time of the members' choosing and determine its own organizational structure, including selecting a Chair, Vice Chair and subcommittees or ad hoc committees, if necessary. The Task Force will provide

updates at the first City Council Regular meeting following each Task Force meeting and make recommendations to the City Council as appropriate.

The proposed Charter for the Task Force includes:

1. Review the draft updated goals and objectives of the Homelessness Strategic Plan
2. Review the concept, need and possible implementation of an ASL
3. Develop a plan to mitigate public safety and environmental impacts, particularly fires related to homeless encampments
4. Explore new ideas to address homelessness, research strategies used by other jurisdictions, and identify best practices that could be implemented in Malibu
5. Make recommendations to the City Council on all of the above

City Council Policy 48 limits individuals to serving on one commission, committee, or board and has historically applied to task forces. In order to ensure the most qualified and knowledgeable members of the community can serve on the Task Force the City Council may wish to consider waiving City Council Policy 48.

Staff recommends that the City Council consider waiving City Council Policy 48, review the Charter and meeting and reporting frequency, provide direction to staff, and each City Councilmember appoint two members to the Task Force.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 21-43 Establishing the Homelessness Task Force
2. City Council Policy 48

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-43

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE AND CHARTER

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

#### SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. The City has endeavored to proactively approach the issue of homelessness within the City by promoting the identification and coordination of available services. In 2017, the City began contracting for homeless outreach services and through this effort has succeeded in moving dozens of individuals into temporary and permanent housing.

B. Despite the many successes, homelessness remains a concern in the City, the County and the Nation. Homeless count numbers in Malibu have not decreased in the past five years. Brush fires stemming from homeless encampments have increased dramatically, with at least 10 to date in 2021.

C. To address these and other issues related to homelessness, the City Council approved the establishment of a Homelessness Task Force at its Regular meeting on July 12, 2021.

D. The Task Force will review current plans and efforts related to homelessness and make recommendations to the City Council.

E. The Task Force will explore new ideas to address issues related to homelessness, research different strategies used by other jurisdictions, identify best practices that could be implemented in Malibu, and make recommendations to the City Council.

F. The Task Force will prioritize ideas and strategies that mitigate public safety impacts on the community.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby creates the Homelessness Task Force, composed of 10 members who reside or work in the 90265 zip code, with two (2) members appointed by each City Councilmember.

SECTION 3. The Charter for the Homelessness Task Force shall include: 1) Review the draft updated goals and objectives of the Homelessness Strategic Plan; 2) Review the concept, need and possible implementation of an Alternative Sleeping Location (ASL); 3) Develop a plan to mitigate public safety and environmental impacts, particularly fires related to homeless encampments; 4) Explore new ideas to address homelessness, research strategies used by other jurisdictions, and identify best practices that could be implemented in Malibu; and 5) Make recommendations to the City Council on all of the above.

SECTION 4. The Task Force will meet at least once monthly on a day and time of its members' choosing and will determine its own organizational structure, including a Chair, Vice Chair and subcommittees or ad hoc committees, as needed.

SECTION 5. The Task Force will provide updates at the first City Council Regular meeting following each Task Force meeting and make recommendations to the City Council as appropriate.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_th day of \_\_\_\_ 2021.

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PAUL GRISANTI, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KELSEY PETTIJOHN, Acting City Clerk  
(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED  
BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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JOHN COTTI, Interim City Attorney



# *City of Malibu*

## *City Council Policy*

*Policy #48*

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Title: Opportunity to Serve

Purpose: To give all residents the opportunity to serve the community through active participation on the City's commissions, committees and boards.

Policy Statement:

When making appointments to any of the City's commissions, committees and boards, the City Council shall allow as many residents as possible the opportunity to serve by limiting an individual's service to one commission, committee or board at a time.

Implementation:

Members of the City Council make appointments for individuals to serve the Malibu community through participation on the City's commissions, committees and boards. Term of service for each appointment is determined by the Malibu Municipal Code or City Council Resolution that created and established each advisory body.

In order to give all residents the opportunity to serve, an individual shall be limited to serving on only one commission, committee or board at a time. Should a Councilmember wish to appoint an individual who is currently serving as a member of another commission, committee or board, that individual would be required to resign their current position prior to being considered for the new appointment.

Date Adopted:

February 25, 2013