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Agenda Memorandum

To: Life Enrichment Committee and Members of the Public

From: Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas

Date: February 20, 2020

Subject: Homeless Encampment Management Report

Colleagues on the Life Enrichment Committee (LEC) and Members of the Public,

I look forward to our discussion about progress towards implementing the homeless encampment management program recommendations that City Council approved on July 9, 2019.

I respectfully request that the Committee focus discussion in the following areas.

1. **Services, particularly trash collection and sanitation** - Both unhoused and housed residents need and deserve a clean, safe and healthy environment. We must expand basic services to more encampments for the health and safety of everyone. I urge the LEC to identify concrete next steps to increase services to more encampments.
 - a. The staff report includes a description of current services and costs, and states 31 total unduplicated sites as receiving services. How many additional encampments have been identified as needing/requesting services?
 - b. What are the specific challenges or opportunities to working with Waste Management or California Waste Solutions to provide trash collection? How can services be provided creatively with community partners and volunteers, such as Adopt-a-Spot models, or by contracting with local agencies that do job training?
 - c. What resources, especially for sanitation, are available from the County?

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2. **Enforcement** - While the Council did not approve recommendations regarding enforcement, the staff report describes concerns about maintaining areas designated a Closure Zone and suggests possible actions. We should discuss this as well as related issues. I urge the LEC to identify concrete next steps to move forward with clarity on these issues.
- a. What objective criteria are used to assess when closures, clean and clears, or other actions are deemed necessary at homeless encampments?
 - b. What guidelines currently exist or are being developed to address Oakland's vehicle towing policy and fire safety protocols for encampments and homeless communities?
 - c. The city's policing policies related to homelessness have not been updated since the 1990s. The Police Commission held a town hall in early 2019 on this topic with the intention of updating the policies with a process for public input. What is the status of updating these policies in a comprehensive manner?
 - d. What are non-policing ways to enforce closures such as by expanding outreach by service providers whether through the City or County?

Respectfully submitted,



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