



CITY OF OAKLAND

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 5, 2022
TO: City Council and Members of the Public
FROM: Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas
SUBJECT: Resolution Accepting And Appropriating A Donation Of Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 From Alameda County To Support Transitioning Residents Of The E 12th Street Median Encampment To Stable Housing; And Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Alameda County To Receive Said Funds

Dear City Council Colleagues and Members of the Public,

I respectfully request the Council adopt the following resolution: **A Resolution Accepting And Appropriating A Donation Of Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 From Alameda County To Support Transitioning Residents Of The E 12th Street Median Encampment To Stable Housing; And Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into An Agreement With Alameda County To Receive Said Funds.**

Homelessness in Oakland, and throughout Alameda County, is a deepening crisis which impacts those experiencing it, as well as our communities as a whole. Encampments in our City's parks, under freeway overpasses, traffic medians, and streets are growing at alarming rates and pose health and safety risks. We must do more to address this serious, pervasive crisis by offering humane and dignified shelter and services to our unhoused neighbors.

In the San Antonio neighborhood, the East 12th St. Median Encampment (situated across several blocks along the 880 corridor) is home to approximately 40 to 70 people who are striving for more dignified living conditions, including water, sanitation, power, and other basic needs. This site has experienced significant public safety issues, emergencies, and other notable impacts, including a history of multiple fires, homicides, illegal dumping and sanitation concerns, illegal parking, abandoned vehicles, and electrical wire tapping, reports of illegal gambling shacks, prostitution and human trafficking.

As a top priority for my District, we need to house these individuals immediately, and provide them with the support they need to improve their conditions and find permanent housing.

As part of this effort, I helped lead the process (through Resolution No. 88983 C.M.S., approved by the City Council on January 18th, 2022) to provide a \$1 Million grant from the City of Oakland to the Lao Family Community Development CARE Campus Initiative (LFCD CARE Campus) to provide bridge homes for temporary to permanent housing for 43-50 Oakland adult residents who are homeless and with criminal justice involved backgrounds.

As residents relocate to temporary and permanent housing, we must resolve the E 12th Median encampment, which poses a significant public health and safety emergency for our City.

My office has sought support from Alameda County on homelessness solutions and is partnering with Supervisorial District 3 to bring \$150,000 of Fiscal Management Reward (FMR) funds to support the City of Oakland in transitioning residents of the homeless encampment located on E. 12th Street to stable housing. District 3 FMR funds will be used by the City of Oakland to provide stable housing solutions for chronically homeless individuals at his location.

On April 26, 2022, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the use of \$150,000 of Supervisorial District 3 Fiscal Management Reward (FMR) funds to support to support the City of Oakland encampment closure operation in transitioning residents of a homeless encampment (E12th) to stable housing. City Council will appropriate this funding to Fund: 2160 - County of Alameda: Grants Account: To Be Determined.

To address the worsening crisis of homelessness and support our unsheltered communities we must continue to partner with the County, State and Federal government to promote solutions that upgrade residents' conditions, provide dignity, sanitation and social services which are critically needed on our streets. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution which will help us meet Oakland's goals of resolving homelessness and supporting our most marginalized community members.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Lia Azul Salaverry, District Director & Policy Advisor, Office of Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, at lsalaverry@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,



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