



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Leslye Krutko

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: April 6, 2006

Approved

Deanna Justice

Date

4/6/06

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide
SNI AREA: N/A

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF RAY TOVAR, THE CITY HOMELESS COORDINATOR, TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S POLICY ACADEMY ON INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council appoint Ray Tovar, the City's Homeless Coordinator, to represent the City of San José at the State of California's Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness.

OUTCOME

The appointment of the City's Homeless Coordinator will enable the City to have an active voice in the development of the State of California's Ten Year Chronic Homelessness Plan and to be a participant in the work of the State's Interagency Council on Chronic Homelessness.

BACKGROUND

In August 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger announced the initial actions of his Chronic Homeless Initiative. This Initiative included the creation of an Interagency Council comprised of State Agency and Department leaders responsible for providing services and housing for the homeless. It also included the announcement of a new \$50 million financing program for permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless.

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The Interagency Council met in October 2005 to begin work on a Ten Year Plan addressing chronic homelessness. Stakeholder meetings were conducted seeking input from cities in the initial drafting of the Ten Year Plan.

As part of the State's Ten Year Planning Process, The Interagency Council is holding a "Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness" to take place this spring. At the Policy Academy, delegates and selected participants will work in collaboration with the Interagency Council to finalize the contents of the State's Ten Year Chronic Homelessness Plan. Afterwards, a public input process will be held in order to solicit feedback on the draft Plan.

ANALYSIS

The nomination of an individual to represent the City of San Jose on the State of California's Policy Academy on Individuals and Families Experiencing Chronic Homelessness must be received by the State's Office of Planning and Research by April 17, 2006. The State requires an official resolution of a locality's governing board identifying the person selected.

In its invitation to participate in the Policy Academy, the State did not dictate any specific qualifications or requirements for the selected delegate. The selection of Mr. Tovar, the City's Homeless Coordinator, as the City's delegate ensures that the City has a representative present who is well versed in housing and homelessness issues, including both the City's Ten Year Plan to Eliminate Chronic Homelessness and the County's Continuum of Care. Mr. Tovar represents the City at numerous local, regional and State meetings to discuss issues surrounding homelessness, and is considered to be an expert in the field. Other local representatives who will be participating include the County's Homeless Concerns Coordinator, representing the Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues, and the Director of the County Office of Affordable Housing.

PUBLIC OUTEACH

The appointment of the City Homeless Coordinator was discussed at the Santa Clara County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues Steering Committee meeting on March 16, 2006.

COORDINATION

This report has been prepared in coordination with the Office of the City Attorney.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The only cost implications will be travel expenses if not reimbursed by the State. However, the appointment of the Homeless Coordinator to the Policy Academy positions the City to receive future State funding to end chronic homelessness in the City of San Jose.

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BUDGET REFERENCE

Not Applicable.

CEQA

Not a project.

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LESLYE KRUTKO
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