

Legislation Text

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Continued discussion on composition of Community Coalition on Homelessness

Issue/Request:

Continued CEDC Committee discussion regarding the approach and composition of a Community Coalition on Homelessness

Key Issues:

Since the December 9, 2020 CEDC meeting additional efforts have been taken to create a an approach to forming a Community Coalition on Homelessness. The purpose of this agenda item is to update the CEDC on these efforts and discuss the envisioned steps to move on forming the Community Coalition.

Proposed City Council Motion:

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Background:

At the November 11, 2020 Community & Economic Development Committee (CEDC) meetings staff provided a presentation and framework to begin a process of evaluation and community dialogue regarding a coordinated effort to respond to homeless related concerns within the community, and to begin to connect available resources across a multi-faceted and multi-discipline approach.

At the December 9, 2020 CEDC meeting additional discussion was held regarding a proposed approach and composition of a Community Coalition on Homelessness and the CEDC agreed that CEDC Chairperson Forte and Vice Chairperson DeMoro would serve on the Coalition from an elected official perspective.

Other Information/Unique Characteristics:

The CEDC has expressed interest and support toward creating a community coalition of stakeholders to develop a long-range plan to respond to homelessness within the community. Below are key aspects that the coalition could focus efforts around:

- evaluate existing resources available
- identify gaps in homelessness support
- identify availability of resources to fill gaps
- enlist community support
- create awareness and education within the community

City staff developed a list of potential community stakeholders to consider in organizing the Community Coalition on Homelessness:

- Social Service Agencies
- Religious and Charitable Organizations
- Homeless advocates
- Resident representatives

- Business representatives
- Community members
- Elected Officials
- City Officials
 - Administration
 - Police Department
 - Neighborhood Services
 - Law
 - Prosecutor's Office
 - Municipal Court
 - Parks and Recreation

The creation of a Community Coalition on Homeless and appointments to the coalition would ultimately be determined by the Mayor and City Council.

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