

RESOLUTION R-20-06-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING DATA SHARING, COLLABORATION AND EXPLORATION OF WEST VALLEY REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS.

WHEREAS, the City of El Mirage, City of Surprise, City of Peoria, City of Glendale, Maricopa County and the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Governing Board recognize that homelessness is a humanitarian challenge impacting households with and without housing in all jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Maricopa Region has increased between 2014 and 2020, and is a concern in the Region; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned jurisdictions agree that an array of resources and interventions including, but not limited to housing for all incomes, homelessness prevention and diversion, assertive outreach, emergency lodging, transitional and bridge housing, and permanent supportive housing are required to maintain a system in which homelessness is rare, one-time and non-recurring; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned jurisdictions have come together to explore the potential benefits of collaborating to develop regional solutions that might build on the unique capacities of each jurisdiction and create economies of scale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL, ARIZONA, as follows:

Section 1: The City Manager or her designee is encouraged to continue working collaboratively with the aforementioned jurisdictions for the exploration of West Valley regional solutions.

Section 2: The City Manager or her designee is encouraged to research best practices and investigate evidenced-based approaches in multi-jurisdictional strategies to preventing and reducing homelessness.

Section 3: The City Manager or her designee is encouraged to share data and analysis amongst jurisdictions for planning purposes, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Section 4: The City Manager or her designee is encouraged to pursue the development of a portfolio of regional strategies and solutions for consideration by each individual jurisdiction.

Section 5: The City Manager or her designee is encouraged to work together to explore opportunities for a balanced portfolio of housing for all incomes and levels of support.

Section 6: The City Manager or her designee is authorized to ensure the planning process includes opportunities for public participation and input.

Section 7: That any future agreements among participating jurisdictions will be entered into in compliance with Arizona law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE, ARIZONA, this 2nd day of June, 2020.

Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sharon Antes, City Clerk

Justin Pierce, City Attorney