



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/15/2021

ITEM NO: 6

DATE: June 9, 2021
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Expressing Support for the Santa Clara County 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution (Attachment 1) expressing support for the Santa Clara County 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2019, the City of San José, together with Santa Clara County, Destination: Home, and other cities and non-profits, embarked on strategic planning and an extensive community engagement process to develop a new five-year Community Plan to End Homelessness for Santa Clara County ("Community Plan").

The Community Plan (Attachment 2) provides a regional-level roadmap to tackle homelessness and its root causes. Preventing and ending homelessness requires collaboration and coordination of resources at all levels of government, together with community institutions, nonprofit agencies, and community-based organizations. With homelessness being a regional issue, a Countywide plan serves to unify organizations and communities on long-term strategies and collective solutions to end homelessness.

The 2020-2025 Community Plan identified three primary focus areas:

- Address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change;
- Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need; and
- Improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all.

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DISCUSSION:

Based on the 2019 Santa Clara County Homeless Census and Survey Comprehensive Report, Los Gatos had 16 unsheltered individuals in Town. While the Town has a relatively small unsheltered population, there are many elements of the Community Plan where Los Gatos could provide support. To date the jurisdictions of Cupertino, Milpitas, San Jose, Mountain View, Morgan Hill, and the County of Santa Clara have endorsed the Community Plan.

CONCLUSION:

Adopting a Resolution expressing support for the 2020-2025 Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness will recognize the plight of the unsheltered and acknowledge the regional approach necessary to effectively combat homelessness.

COORDINATION:

This staff report was coordinated with the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Community Development Director.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Resolution Expressing Support for 2020-2025 Plan to End Homelessness
2. 2020-2025 Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness