



Prioritization of Outreach Services and Abatement in Sensitive Community Locations Regarding the Unsheltered Population

Department of Human Services

Item 8

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

Submitted November 11, 2023, by Council District 7

Background

- Prioritize the abatement of urban encampments in, or near, sensitive areas while simultaneously connecting our unsheltered population with the resources and expertise our city and community partners provide.

Request

- Prioritize abatements of encampments in areas deemed sensitive;
- Ensure the city is enhancing efforts to provide outreach plus wrap-around services to the unsheltered population consistently to connect these individuals to the help and support they need;
- Review of the Absentee Property Registration Program

Sensitive areas are to include, but are not limited to:

- Residential neighborhoods
- Areas in Proximity to Schools
- Public Parks
- Areas in Proximity to Linear Creekway Trails
- Drainage Easements
- Flood Plains
- Dilapidated Homes
- Dilapidated Businesses

Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommends continuation of current policy to abate all reported encampments within 2 weeks and to prioritize areas identified as sensitive including serious criminal activity; proximity to schools and residential neighborhoods; impacting drainage and flood control infrastructure; and those areas identified with biohazard material and criminal activity.

Next Steps:

- Council discussion on prioritization of sites during the April 11th Council briefing.
- Review the Absentee Property Registration Program as it applies to homeless encampments.
- Include information on the locations of encampments abated in summary reports.