

General Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #7

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Social Services: Policy Framework

Social Services

Provide leadership and creativity in developing and implementing progressive, humane social policy and social services that address the needs of a diverse population.

1. Contract with non-profit organizations to provide social services so that people can remain living independently in their own homes.
2. Inform the community about key public health issues, particularly HIV and substance abuse prevention.
3. Educate the community about available local social services and County and State entitlement programs.
4. Maintain demographic data on the following target populations in particular, and measure social services need, service use and satisfaction levels:
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Children and youth
 - Families with children
 - Seniors
 - People living with disabilities
 - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender
 - Russian-speaking
 - Homeless people

5. Coordinate multi-jurisdictional efforts in providing human services and seek funding for social services programs from County, State, and Federal sources, where appropriate.
6. Monitor human service needs over time and use data to inform funding priorities.
7. Assure community participation in planning, implementation, and evaluation of the City's social services.
8. Encourage childcare facilities throughout City.

Promote access to affordable and high-quality health care.

1. Support access to health care for all residents.
2. Continue to support the CityLine shuttle especially to connect seniors and transit-dependent populations to medical facilities and related destinations.
3. Support access to public health insurance and subsidized prescription programs.
4. Collaborate with health care providers to promote preventative care.

Support and collaborate with schools.

1. Collaborate with the school district and community partners to maximize educational quality.
2. Provide scholarship opportunities to students.
3. Continue to offer financial support for new programming.