

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE OUTREACH SERVICES AT THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The City Council Subcommittee on Homelessness will receive an update on the City's Homeless Initiative resuming outreach services at the West Hollywood Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and discuss.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The City of West Hollywood Homeless Initiative will resume its innovative program to provide on-site outreach and services at the West Hollywood Library for community members who are experiencing homelessness.

The program, which began in October 2016, is a strategic collaboration between the City of West Hollywood, the County of Los Angeles Public Library, and the City of West Hollywood's contracted social services provider organizations which include APLA, Ascencia, Los Angeles LGBT Center, Step Up on Second, and Tarzana Treatment Centers.

These organizations offer expertise in serving people who are experiencing homelessness, including some of the City's most vulnerable community members such as LGBT youth and people who have mental health conditions and/or substance use issues. In addition to providing connection to the range of services available within their own organizations, the providers also make referrals to other needed services and programs.

The organizations mentioned above will meet with people inside the West Hollywood Library, located at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

The program will be promoted through a press release, social media, word of mouth, and flyers passed out in the community. City staff and contractors will be advised about this resource as another tool to serve members of the community.

CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020 AND THE GOALS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN:

This item is consistent with the Primary Strategic Goal(s) (PSG) and/or Ongoing Strategic Program(s) (OSP) of:

- OSP-5: Support People through Social Services.

In addition, this item is compliant with the following goal(s) of the West Hollywood General Plan:

- HS-1: Maintain and pursue humane social policies and social services that address the needs of the community.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

Strategic Initiatives Division, in collaboration with the Social Services Division/Human Services and Rent Stabilization Department

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

None