

**AGENDA
SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
6:00PM**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

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***IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS), THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA HAS ORDERED ALL CALIFORNIANS TO STAY HOME AND AUTHORIZED PUBLIC MEETINGS TO TAKE PLACE VIA TELECONFERENCE.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

TELECONFERENCE AUDIO MEETING & PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT BY TELEPHONE OR VIA THE ZOOM PLATFORM:

You are strongly encouraged to email Jasmine Duckworth at jduckworth@weho.org no later than September 27th at 2:00 p.m. to be added to the Public Speaker List for the meeting. Please include your name, the phone number from which you will be calling if applicable, and which item you would like to speak on.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
RECOMMENDATION: The Social Justice Task Force will approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022, regular meeting.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
The public is given the opportunity to address the Social Justice Task Force on any item within its responsibility. At the discretion of the Social Justice Task Force, speakers may be limited to two minutes each.
6. **PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON FINAL REPORT**
RECOMMENDATION: Review and provide feedback on the Social Justice Task Force's final report which will be presented to City Council on October 17, 2022.
7. **ITEMS FROM TASK FORCE MEMBERS**
8. **ITEMS FROM STAFF**
This time is set aside for City staff to provide information to the Social Justice Task Force on items of interest to the Task Force.
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
This time is set aside for the public to address the Task Force on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Task Force that could not be heard under the Public Comment Item at the beginning of the meeting.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Notice: Written materials distributed to the Social Justice Task Force within 72 hours of this meeting are available online at www.weho.org.

**ITEM 4
ATTACHMENT**

**MINUTES
SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEETING
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022
6:00 PM**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT read by Task Force Member Morton.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Task Force Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Task Force Member Wilson-Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Zamilpa, Task Force Member Morton, Task Force Member Seperak, Task Force Member Wilson-Smith, and Task Force Member Washington

ABSENT: Task Force Member Aviles, Task Force Member Demuir, and Task Force Member Desai

ALSO PRESENT: Community Services Director, Yvonne Quarker
Community and Legislative Affairs Manager, Andi Lovano

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approved the Minutes of July 26, 2022, motion by Vice-Chair Zamilpa, seconded by Chair Wilson, and approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public is given the opportunity to address the Social Justice Task Force on any item within its responsibility. At the discretion of the Social Justice Task Force, speakers may be limited to two minutes each.

None.

6. FINALIZE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The subcommittees reviewed and finalized their recommendations. Staff instructed the Task Force that they would have an opportunity to provide feedback on the Task Force's Final Report at their September meeting. The Final Report will be presented to Council in October.

ACTION: Include a recommendation in the Final Report that City Council create a permanent Social Justice Task Force body, motion by Vice-Chair Zamilpa, seconded by Task Force Member Wilson-Smith, and approved.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

This time is set aside for City staff to provide information to the Social Justice Task Force on items of interest to the Task Force.

Social Justice Task Force liaison, Jasmine Duckworth, reminded the Task Force that they will be reviewing the Final Report and providing feedback to staff at the Task Force's next meeting on September 27th. Andi Lovano, Community & Legislative Affairs Manager shared details on the City's upcoming NextGen Summer Social taking place on Monday, August 29th and the Historical Context Study Community Listening Session taking place on Wednesday, August 31st.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

This time is set aside for City staff to provide information to the Social Justice Task Force on items of interest to the Task Force.

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Social Justice Task Force adjourned at 7:00 PM to its regular and final meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:00 PM, which will be held via teleconference.

ITEM 6

ATTACHMENT

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

Social Justice Task Force



FINAL REPORT
October 17, 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

This report summarizes the formation, work, and recommendations from the City's Social Justice Task Force following a year of research, assessment, review, and consideration.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

The final membership of the Social Justice Task Force, which includes those who contributed to this final report, was as follows:

MEMBERS

Jonathan Wilson, Chair
Daniel Zamilpa, Vice-Chair
Mito Aviles
Chela Demuir
Krupa Desai
Shannon Morton
Jorge Seperak
Giselle Washington
Marcus Wilson-Smith

CITY STAFF SUPPORT

Yvonne Quarker	Director of Community Services
Andi Lovano	Community & Legislative Affairs Manager
Jasmine Duckworth	Community Programs Coordinator

FACILITATOR

Diane Burbie	Managing Principal, <i>The Aspire Group</i>
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BACKGROUND

Creation of the Task Force

On December 7, 2020, the City Council of the City of West Hollywood directed staff to create a Social Justice Task Force to advise on social and racial equity issues in West Hollywood and provide policy recommendations to the City Council to address systemic racism for the City of West Hollywood. On February 1, 2021, the City Council approved the framework and guidelines for the Social Justice Task Force, which consists of nine members – one direct appointee from each member of Council and four at-large appointees. On March 15, 2021, the City Council began making appointments to the Task Force and approved the utilization of Diane Burbie of the *Aspire Group* to serve as the facilitator who would assist with outlining goals and objectives of the Task Force and developing their work plan. The City Council made final appointments to the Task Force at the April 1, 2021 City Council meeting and the Social Justice Task Force convened its first meeting on May 25, 2021.

Action Plan and Priority Areas

The Social Justice Task Force adopted a draft Action Plan that set out a series of actions for the Task Force to assist in framing areas of interest. The Action Plan outlined a proposed process to guide the Task Force in identifying key priority areas and the formulation of policies, programs, and initiatives within those priority areas. Over the course of two meetings, the Task Force identified six priority areas as topics of importance for further research and advancement.

1. Economic/Community Development
 - *Goal: Create incentives that reduce barriers for BIPOC and Women-Owned businesses.*
2. Housing and Homelessness
 - *Goal: Increase funding to affordable housing projects and continue to work with service providers to implement policy changes that address pathways to homelessness.*
3. Social Services
 - *Goal: Continue work with social service agencies and partners to ensure equitable distribution of services (i.e., job placement, food and shelter, legal services, mental health services, homeless services etc.).*
4. Public Safety
 - *Goal: Build on existing relationship with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department and encourage ongoing conversations and engagement between the Sheriff's Department and West Hollywood community.*
5. Environment
 - *Goal: Encourage the practice and implementation of intersectional environmentalism that highlights how members of the BIPOC community are adversely impacted by climate change and climate injustice.*
6. City Operations (City staff, contractors, RFP's)
 - *Goal: Apply racial equity tools to ensure equity in the contracting and RFP process.*

Additionally, as part of the Action Plan, staff recommended that the Task Force members identify a list of City Departments and Divisions to invite to future Task Force and subcommittee meetings to share information about City services, resources, and programs.

Formation of Subcommittees

To better focus its priorities and dive deeper into the topics at hand, the Task Force established three subcommittees based on the above-outlined priority areas. The Task Force approved the creation of an Economic/Community Development & City Contracting Process subcommittee, Public Safety subcommittee, and Housing & Homelessness and Social Services subcommittee. The purpose of each subcommittee is as follows:

Economic/Community Development & City Contracting Process

The purpose of this subcommittee focused on ways to enhance economic/community development opportunities and provide recommendations that incorporate social and racial equity into the City's contracting process to increase access to opportunities for BIPOC members in West Hollywood.

Subcommittee Members: Jonathan Wilson (Chair), Mito Aviles, and Chela Demuir.

Public Safety

This subcommittee focused on ways to increase outreach and strengthen relationships between law enforcement agencies and BIPOC community members in West Hollywood.

Subcommittee Members: Daniel Zamilpa (Vice-Chair), Krupa Desai, and Marcus Wilson-Smith.

Housing & Homelessness and Social Services

This subcommittee was charged with researching opportunities and mechanisms to increase access to housing and social services for BIPOC residents, community members and members experiencing homelessness in West Hollywood.

Subcommittee Members: Shannon Morton, Jorge Seperak, and Giselle Washington.

Each subcommittee consisted of three Task Force members. The subcommittees met outside of regularly scheduled Task Force meetings. The meetings included City staff and other relevant partners as appropriate. The subcommittee members provided routine reports to the full Task Force during regularly scheduled meetings.

Presentations by City Divisions and Departments

The Social Justice Task Force convened its first meeting on May 25, 2021, and has held 18 meetings to date. A brief synopsis of each meeting is provided below.

May 25, 2021

The Task Force members were sworn-in by the City Clerk and introduced to City staff and Diane Burbie and Krystal Torres-Covarrubias of the Aspire Group. The City Clerk provided an overview of the Task Force's bylaws and meeting policies, and the Aspire Group led a presentation and discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) principles.

June 22, 2021

The Task Force heard from members of the City's Government Alliance on Race and Equity who provided an update on race and equity efforts within the organization. The Community and Legislative Affairs staff provided an overview of the City's structure and operations, and purview as a contract city. During this meeting, the Task Force members expressed a desire for staff to bring forward a draft action plan that would assist the Task Force in identifying priority areas and formulating policy recommendations.

July 27, 2021

The Task Force received a presentation from the City's Strategic Initiatives Division on the City's multi-agency response to addressing homelessness in West Hollywood and adopted a draft action plan that set out a series of actions for the Task Force for future meetings. The draft action plan laid out a proposed process to guide the Social Justice Task Force in identifying key priority areas and included staff's recommendation to establish three Task Force subcommittees based on the priority areas. The Task Force approved the creation of an Economic/Community Development & City Contracting/RFP Process Subcommittee, Public Safety Subcommittee, and Housing & Homelessness and Social Services Subcommittee.

August 24, 2021

The City's Social Services Division provided an overview of Social Service programs and resources, and social service utilization by community members of color. The City Clerk administered the election of the Chair, Jonathan Wilson, and Vice-Chair, Daniel Zamilpa.

September 28, 2021

The Social Justice Task Force members received a presentation from the City's Business Development Division regarding proposed economic incentives for BIPOC, Women-Owned, LGBTQ-Owned, and City resident small businesses in West Hollywood. The Task Force provided recommendations to staff on programs and resources that should be included in the City's effort to support members of these different business communities. The Task Force also updated the action plan for the months of October, November, and December, and approved the designation of Task Force liaisons to the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions.

October 26, 2021

The Task Force received a presentation from the City's Strategic Initiatives Division on their annual report on the LA County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Health Collaborative, four-year evaluation report for the City's Aging in Place/Aging in Community Strategic Plan, and development of a city-wide behavioral health crisis response unit. The Task Force also received a presentation from the Aspire Group on how to successfully define the scope of an issue and develop solutions and recommendations that address the issue.

November 30, 2021

The Task Force received an update from the City's Social Services Division on social service utilization and needs assessment focusing on community members of color in West Hollywood. The Task Force also participated in a public safety discussion with West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Captain Ed Ramirez and Lieutenant Bill Moulder, as well as Shea Gibson, Operations Manager of Block by Block Security Ambassadors. The Task Force members emphasized the need to create more transparency and access to public safety data in West Hollywood, and the

use of more creative and innovative approaches to engagement with residents and community members.

January 11, 2022 (Special Meeting)

The Task Force meeting scheduled for December 21, 2021, was rescheduled to January 11, 2022. At this meeting, the Task Force received a presentation from the Community and Legislative Affairs Division on the draft Request For Proposals to complete a Historical Context Study of the City of West Hollywood and provided feedback to staff. As part of the discussion, the Task Force recommended including the examination of 21st century policies and practices that may be culturally or racially discriminatory. Staff informed the Task Force that this information would be shared with the selected Consultant and added to the scope of work.

January 25, 2022, February 28, 2022, and March 22, 2022

Throughout the months of January, February and March, the Task Force subcommittees provided updates on the issues and ideas explored in subcommittee meetings and participated in facilitator-led discussions to support subcommittee members in developing actionable recommendations. Discussions and exercises were led by the Task Force facilitator, Diane Burbie of the Aspire Group to assist the Task Force in making steps to finalize their recommendations.

April 26, 2022

The Task Force received a presentation from the Maroon Society detailing the final report for the Needs Assessment Focusing on the Social Services Needs of Community Members of Color in West Hollywood. The Task Force also heard from the City's Governmental Affairs Liaison on legislative items of interest to the Social Justice Task Force. Over the next several months, the subcommittees continued to meet, Task Force members heard from stakeholders, and the Aspire group and staff continued to guide the subcommittees in developing ideas and finalizing their recommendations.

May 24, 2022

The Task Force and subcommittees continued to finalize their recommendations and explored ways to further engage with the community, such as through pop-up events, surveys, or community listening sessions. The Task Force decided to host two community listening sessions to solicit community feedback and input on their recommendations before they were finalized and presented to City Council. Two dates were identified: June 28, 2022 – Virtual Community Listening Session and July 19, 2022 – In-Person Community Listening Session.

June 28, 2022 and July 19, 2022 Meetings and Community Listening Sessions

The Social Justice Task Force held its first listening session on June 28th via the Zoom platform and its second listening session on July 19th at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall. The purpose of the listening sessions was to give residents and community members the opportunity to provide feedback and input on the Task Force's recommendations before they were finalized and presented to the City Council for review.

July 26, 2022, August 23, 2022, and September 27, 2022

The Task Force debriefed about the community listening sessions and incorporated community feedback into their final revisions of their recommendations.

*COVID-19

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early March 2020, and the transition of many City operations to remote work, the Social Justice Task Force conducted the majority of its meetings virtually. All meetings were open to the public and either livestreamed to the City's YouTube channel or recorded and uploaded after the meeting. Virtual meetings proved to be very convenient for the Task Force members and allowed for broad community participation in public meetings. All virtual meetings can be accessed on the City of West Hollywood's YouTube page.

Community Engagement and Community Listening Sessions

The Social Justice Task Force held two Community Listening Sessions – the first on June 28, 2022 which was held virtually, and the second which was held on July 19th at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall. The purpose of the listening sessions was to give residents and community members the opportunity to provide feedback and input on the Task Force's recommendations before they were finalized and presented to the City Council for review.

Diane Burbie of the Aspire Group led the discussion and presented each subcommittee's slate of recommendations and asked attendees to reflect on the following:

- Aspects of the recommendations that resonated positively
- Questions or concerns with the recommendations
- Provide ideas or suggestions to advance the goal and intended purpose of the recommendation



Participants were highly engaged during the listening sessions and were generous in offering feedback. The sessions attracted a diverse group of community members, residents, and members of the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions. The vast majority of the recommendations were met with very positive response and attendees were mostly supportive of the direction the Task Force was going. The questions and prompts, led by the Aspire Group, invited greater clarity, especially about implementation details. Concerns expressed were constructive, and in some instances encouraged the Task Force to be even bolder in their recommendations.

Additional ideas were given and welcomed by the Task Force. Some feedback included:

Encourage collaboration with the WeHo Chamber, and other West Hollywood agencies with proven records of enhancing visibility and support for BIPOC businesses in West Hollywood.

Rethink other funding sources to achieve equity in the cannabis space. Cannabis business is already heavily taxed, and residents are already financially burdened from economic effects of the pandemic and increase in cost of living.

Increased collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies such as Los Angeles County District Attorney, Rob Bonta, Attorney General of California, and the City of Los Angeles' Cannabis Social Equity Program to establish cannabis social equity programs in West Hollywood that provide expungement of non-violent cannabis related offenses.

Encourage partnerships and collaboration with individuals with lived sex-work experience in quest to establish programs and initiatives that support this group of individuals.

Emphasize the importance of intersectionality in social equity work and the importance of highlighting the intersectionality of race, gender identity etc.

Work with the California Contract Cities Association and other contract cities to further the discussion on services received from the LA County Sheriff's Department.

Create tools to ensure Measure H funds are being used efficiently and equitably across LA County.

Earmark funds for specific housing options for Trans and LGBTQ+ individuals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Each of the following recommendations includes “Strategies and Considerations for Implementation” that reflect the Social Justice Task Force’s deliberations about the complexities and nuances that accompany each recommendation. Further study is needed to implement these recommendations, as the strategies and considerations are not meant to be comprehensive, but instead provide context about the purpose and rationale of a recommendation, and in some cases, provide resources and existing examples of related work.

Economic/Community Development and Contracting Process

The purpose of this subcommittee focused on ways to enhance economic/community development opportunities and provide recommendations that incorporate social and racial equity into the City’s contracting process to increase access to opportunities for BIPOC members in West Hollywood.

The recommendations proposed by this subcommittee are based on extensive discussion and analysis of current City programming. The recommendations strive to reduce the systemic barriers that hinder BIPOC entrepreneurs and business owners from starting and sustaining businesses in West Hollywood, seek to identify innovative methods and equitable approaches to the City’s contracting processes, and create pathways to ensure more BIPOC-owned businesses have opportunities to secure government contracts.

Recommendation 1:

Amend the annual business registration form to include five optional fields:

- 1). *BIPOC Ownership (>50%): Yes or No*
- 2). *Affiliated Race/Ethnicity: Standard Dropdown*
- 3). *Total # of Employees:*
- 4). *# of BIPOC Employees:*
- 5). *# of BIPOC Managers & Above:*

Recommendation 2:

Dedicated City webpage that provides step by step business guide for opening a business in West Hollywood. (This would include all forms that must be submitted as well as tutorials and/or links to people who can help steward the potential entrepreneur through the process. Ideally, there is a small playbook that accompanies the site along with a progress marker.)

Recommendation 3:

Develop and coordinate a business incubator program marketed primarily to BIPOC entrepreneurs. Through a potential public-private sponsorship and with the support of the Business License commission, there would be a series of workshops dedicated to enhancing a variety of organizational capabilities.

(Examples of similar programs: Los Angeles Urban League, LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Latino Coalition of Los Angeles, National Black Chamber of Commerce, UCLA Anderson School of Management, Deloitte, and Accenture.)

Recommendation 4:

Implement a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise certification that highlights businesses that have received official DBE/MBE certifications at the state/federal level as well as those who have received certifications from the City of Los Angeles and any other approved programs.

Recommendation 5:

Require all RFPs distributed by the City of West Hollywood to have a minimum of 20% responses in the pool of applicants from businesses with a majority BIPOC-ownership stake. (This will require the City to take a deeper dive into how they distribute RFP's.)

Public Safety Subcommittee

The purpose of this subcommittee was to increase outreach and strengthen relationships between law enforcement agencies and BIPOC community members in West Hollywood. In striving towards this effort, the subcommittee aimed to develop recommendations that identify resources and services to support BIPOC residents and foster healthy and strengthened relationships between law enforcement agencies and the West Hollywood community. In addition, the recommendations aim to find equitable solutions to address the disparate impacts past policies criminalizing cannabis and sex work have had on members of the BIPOC community.

Recommendation 1:

Expand legal services and resources to provide expungement or reduced offenses for non-violent cannabis related crimes. Ensure coordination, learning, communication, and/or partnership with entities engaging in this work to maximize success of this effort.

Recommendation 1a:

Examine options to support reparations to offset the racial disparity in cannabis related arrests due to the impacts inflicted on communities of color caused by racist policies and practices. Any recommendation should not further exacerbate disparate economic impact on BIPOC community members.

Use portion of City's cannabis tax revenue on restorative justice and cannabis equity programs to address the racial disparities and disproportionate effects of cannabis possession arrests on communities of color. Portion of funds will be used to support legal services and resources to provide expungement or reduced offenses for non-violent cannabis related crimes.

Recommendation 2:

Decriminalize sex work and expand legal services and resources to provide expungement or reduced offenses for non-violent sex-work related crimes.

Identify organizations like SWOPLA to assist with outreach and engagement and encourage City to expand its list of contracted service agencies.

Recommendation 3:

Continue to examine and investigate the City of West Hollywood's contract with the LA County Sheriff's Department to ensure that funds are being used efficiently and prudently, and engage in conversation

with other contract cities and the California Contract Cities Association to discuss priorities and contract specifics.

- With regards to current examination and recommendations by City of WeHo:
 - Endorse ongoing analysis of the LASD contract to ensure resources expended are producing commensurate levels of crime prevention and resolution [see PPT]
 - Endorse data analysis by CPE and recommend ensuring data gathering involves disaggregation analysis as well as analysis involving intersectionality
 - Endorse expanded presence of Block by Block
- Additional considerations we recommend include but are not limited to
 - Renegotiating contract terms to ensure City has final authority in places of disagreement
 - Establishing a set of guidelines and strict expectations that the sheriff's department must adhere to as part of a progressive, safe and just city, which may include denouncement of membership, support or tolerance of hate groups and removal of deputies known to be affiliated with hate groups; and/or inclusion of requirements for training, reporting, and investigation of issues relevant to ensuring fair and equitable treatment of BIPOC community members

Housing & Homelessness and Social Services Subcommittee

This subcommittee was charged with researching opportunities and mechanisms to increase access to housing and social services for BIPOC residents, community members and unhoused individuals in West Hollywood. The recommendations support the City's ongoing efforts to advance programs, policies, and strategies to connect unhoused community members with basic resources, temporary shelter, behavioral health services and long-term supportive housing. The recommendations also endorse the City's commitment to providing affordable housing in West Hollywood.

Recommendation 1:

Allocate funds for ongoing operations and services related to Project Homekey through 2025.

The State of California has awarded the City of West Hollywood a conditional Homekey grant in the amount of \$6,007,661 to address the capital and operating expenses for a proposed plan to convert the Holloway Motel site into an interim housing and supportive services location for people experiencing homelessness. This item supports additional funding for Project Homekey.

Recommendation 2:

Designate multiple safe places for resources. Ideally, every park in the West Hollywood should have a space where people can receive wrap-around services; such as lockers/storage space, phone charging stations, showers, and bus passes. Wrap-around services will include essential resources on diversion strategies to connect people to housing and services.

The City of West Hollywood remains committed to providing comprehensive assistance to people who are experiencing homelessness in West Hollywood. The City's Homeless Initiative addresses homelessness with a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency, collaborative response and works in close partnership with the

City's contracted and collaborative non-profit social services providers, the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and Los Angeles County agencies.

The proposed Holloway Motel/Homekey Housing Program envisions the purchase of the Holloway Motel to be updated, rehabilitated, and operated as an interim housing program, that will provide a comprehensive program for people who are experiencing homelessness to move off the streets with case management and supportive services, with the goal of identifying and securing permanent housing. Interim housing would typically provide a stay of up to 90 days to stabilize community members and assist them with getting the necessary care and resources to find permanent housing. The project plans would call for considerable physical improvements to the site and operations would include appropriate security measures and 24/7 onsite staff.

Recommendation 3:

Allocate funds to prioritize hiring of diverse staff (including staff with lived experience) to support the West Hollywood Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness in Our Community.

Recommendation 4:

Provide additional funding to the Social Services Division for rental assistance to keep people in their homes and continue to support City policies for affordable housing and tenant protections in West Hollywood.

Areas for Follow-Up/Additional Considerations

Further review and analysis by the City Attorney are needed before these recommendations are implemented. Should City Council decide to adopt a recommendation, either in part or in whole, staff will be instructed to consult the City Attorney and City Manager on implementation approach and strategy.

Looking Ahead

In an effort to build on the City's commitment to advancing social justice and racial equity, the Social Justice Task Force is recommending the City Council create a permanent body that addresses social equity in West Hollywood and advises the City Council on pathways to enhance social and racial equity in the community.

