

RESOLUTION NO. M-1942

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN OLYMPIA.

WHEREAS, homelessness has been identified as the single most significant and urgent issue of public concern facing the Olympia community; and

WHEREAS, an effective and efficient response to homelessness requires a coordinated and collaborative community response; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Comprehensive Plan establishes the goal of providing adequate emergency housing, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, as well as independent affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Comprehensive Plan calls for service delivery models which optimize shelter and housing resources, and

WHEREAS, Olympia is committed to the Charter for Compassion, including recognition of the inherent worth and dignity of all persons. And, as a community, we strive to practice respect and compassion toward one another, engage in civil dialogue, and honor each individual as we ourselves would like to be honored; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council held a study session on May 8, 2018, and selected a set of immediate action items to address the homelessness crisis in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Olympia City Council does affirm and support the implementation of evidence-based, best practices to address the crisis of homelessness, including: housing first, harm reduction, coordinated entry, low-barrier services, and the utilization of the O'Connell homeless vulnerability index.

Section 2. The Olympia City Council does affirm and support the Providence Community Care Center in downtown Olympia and its partnering providers as critical contributors of comprehensive clinical and dignity services for street dependent and vulnerable community members.

Section 3. The Olympia City Council does hereby designate Jim Cooper as its first liaison to the Community Care Center Advisory Council from May 15, 2018 until January 1, 2019, serving as a Council representative for matters impacting the services provided at the

Community Care Center. The liaison position will be assigned annually at the Council January retreat.

Section 4. The Olympia City Council directs the City Manager to identify opportunities for legal camping including cars and RVs with the inclusion of hygiene and storage services in Olympia for unhoused community members. The City Manager will provide an update on implementing legal camping options by June 15, 2018.

Section 5. The Olympia City Council aims to create a low-barrier day center in Olympia as part of the pending homelessness response strategic plan. The City Manager will provide an update on implementing a low barrier shelter by July 17, 2018.

Section 6. The Olympia City Council wants to better inform the public and our partners about the ongoing work of the City to address homelessness. Accordingly, the City Council directs the City Manager to develop a web site page and other communication tools to regularly update the community on City efforts.

Section 7. The Finance Committee shall review funding options for the aforementioned action items.

Section 8. The Olympia City Council directs the City Manager to prepare a coordinated strategic response plan for addressing homelessness in the Olympia community.


Section 9. The Olympia City Council commit ourselves and this organization to a culture of humility and continued learning on the issue of homelessness, particularly around issues of marginalization, anti-oppression, and trauma-informed care, in order to strengthen community relationships and live up to the City's values of Compassion, Integrity, and Effectiveness.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 15th day of May 2018.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY