

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2016

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY PLAN TO
END HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY: 2015-2020

WHEREAS, homelessness continues to be a pressing issue for Santa Clara County. The 2015 Homeless Census shows that homelessness in the County is on the rise. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report, among HUDs Continuums of Care, Santa Clara County has:

- The seventh largest number of homeless persons on any given night;
- The third largest number of chronically homeless persons;
- The fourth largest number of homeless individuals;
- The fourth largest number of unaccompanied homeless youth; and
- The fifth largest number of homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, to respond to this crisis, Destination Home and its partners have been working towards a comprehensive, regional response to homelessness for over a decade. Destination Home is a public-private partnership serving as the base organization for collective impact strategies to reduce homelessness in Santa Clara County. In this role, Destination Home coordinated with homeless service agencies, community foundations, business interests, and local jurisdiction to prepare the Community Plan to End Homelessness in Santa Clara County 2015-20 (Community Plan to End Homelessness), which proposes approaches and strategies toward ending and preventing homelessness. Major points of emphasis in the Plan include:

1. Disrupt the System—Develop strategies and innovative prototypes that transform the systems related to housing homeless people.
2. Build the Solution—Secure the funding needed to provide 6,000 housing opportunities with services to those who are homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

3. Serve the Person—Adopt an approach that recognizes the need for client-centered strategies with different responses for different levels of need and different groups, targeting resources to the specific individual or household; and

WHEREAS, Destination Home’s Community Plan to End Homelessness relies upon the “Housing First” model, which “centers on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council’s support of the Community Plan to End Homelessness would continue to advance the goal of developing regional strategies in collaboration with other jurisdictions and agencies to end and prevent homelessness by creating permanent housing solutions and enhancing existing service systems; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plan to End Homelessness focuses on developing 6,000 housing opportunities for homeless persons and families which aligns with the City’s Housing Element goals to: (1) provide adequate housing for groups with special needs; and (2) maintain a range of housing types for all age groups, served by transit, recreational amenities, shopping, and health and personal services, that allow residents to age in place; and

WHEREAS, supporting the Plan does not commit the City of Mountain View to any one component of the Plan, but rather encourages the implementation of strategies and funding for programs to proactively house and serve the homeless, relative to the resources available in Mountain View and subject to City Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the consideration by City Council of the approval of this Resolution has been duly noticed pursuant to applicable laws and has been placed upon the City Council meeting agenda on the date set forth in the Council report, or to such date that the City Council may have continued or deferred consideration of this Resolution, and on such date the City Council conducted a duly noticed public meeting at which meeting the City Council provided members of the public an opportunity to comment and be heard and considered any and all testimony and other evidence provided in connection with the approval of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the activities allowed under this Resolution do not constitute a project under the provisions of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that approval of this Resolution is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that:

1. The City Council hereby supports the goals and objectives in the Community Plan to End Homelessness, submitted for consideration at its meeting of February 23, 2016, the contents of which Council report titled "Community Plan to End Homelessness" are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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