

San Leandro Homeless & Housing Task Force



**PRESENTATION TO
SAN LEANDRO CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20TH, 2014**

Purpose of the Task Force

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At the direction of the City Council, the Task Force was created to develop a plan to respond to immediate homeless issues in the City.

City Council Goal

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Support and implement programs, activities and strengthen communication that enhances the quality of life and wellness, celebrates the arts and diversity and promotes civic pride.

Members of the Task Force

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- **Moira Fry**
 - Interfaith Homelessness Network (IHN)/April Showers
- **Rose Johnson**
 - Executive Director, Davis Street Family Resource Center (Davis Street)
- **Ronald Keeney**
 - Interfaith Homelessness Network (IHN)/April Showers
- **Dan Martinez**
 - Congregations Organizing for Renewal (COR)
- **Liz Varela**
 - Executive Director, Building Futures with Women and Children (BFWC)
- **City staff**
 - Cynthia Battenberg, Community Development Director
 - Steve Hernandez, Housing Specialist II

Mission of the Task Force

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Develop a short term plan, by acting as a catalyst and leadership resource, to bring the community together to promote affordable housing, end homelessness, and improve the situation of those who are homeless.

Mission of the Task Force (cont'd)

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In pursuit of this mission, the Task Force will:

- Determine need, existing services and services gaps for homeless and those in housing crisis;
- Identify resources to support development of an implementation plan;
- Ensure stakeholder involvement; and,
- Develop timeline and identify next steps to achieve mission.

Recommendations of the Task Force

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- The Task Force have identified 3 immediate needs and is requesting Council action to provide needed services.
- The recommendations are:
 - \$15,000 for development of a “pilot” warming center program that will provide emergency shelter on cold/raining evenings from November 2014 through March 2015.
 - \$32,000 for an outreach coordinator charged with managing the implementation of the warming centers and provide outreach to the homeless.
 - \$15,000 to enhance Davis Street’s Basic Needs Program which currently provides support services for the homeless.

Funding the Task Force Recommendations

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- The Task Force recommends, and staff concurs, redirecting \$62,000 to the homeless services the Task Force have identified.
- The \$62,000 will be redirected from the \$150,000 City Council placed in Community Assistance Grants in the FY 2014-2015 budget to keep the BWFC San Leandro Shelter open and operating.
 - (BFWC successfully obtained State funding for the shelter.)
- A motion is included as a consent item should the Council choose to redirect the funds as described.

Next Steps

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- The Task Force will forward a final report with recommendations to City Council later this year.
- Additional programs under consideration include:
 - Affordable housing assistance for the homeless,
 - Funding a grant writer to secure funds for rapid rehousing, and
 - Matching grant funds for a Shelter Plus Care program.

Questions & Comments