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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 2, 2015

To: Clayton Wong, Fiscal Administrator

From: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi *AK*

Subject: San Francisco Trip Report to Meet with Various Official on Homelessness

From December 16 -18, 2014, Councilmember Carol Fukunaga and I were fortunate to meet with several city officials and community leaders to discuss San Francisco's homeless population and how its agencies and organization are addressing the issue.

Current counts identify 6,436 homeless persons in San Francisco, with nearly two thousand identified as chronically homeless. This level of homelessness has remained consistent for the past decade. The City set, and will soon meet, a goal of constructing 3,000 supportive housing units. Over the past 10 years, eleven thousand single adults have been housed, and an additional eight thousand have been sent home to friends or relatives, through a City program that funds bus tickets. The homeless population in jail has been cut in half and veteran homelessness could be completely eliminated by the end of 2015.

Coordination between various levels of care providers, from emergency shelters to long term housing solutions is ongoing and federal guidelines now mandate some measure of integrating systems to track usage of homeless services.

Attached are brief highlights and findings of our travel to the City of San Francisco, California to study their City's initiatives to handle and end homelessness.

Please feel free to call me or my Senior Advisor, Steve Uyeno, if you have any further questions.

Thank you.

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD)

Ms. Teresa Yanga, Director of Housing Development

At this meeting we met with Ms. Yanga and her staff who briefed us on San Francisco's affordable rental housing program and how MOHCD works with other City programs on permanent supportive housing for homeless facilities and individuals. Due to the costs of operations and maintenance for permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals and families, the managers of these facilities rely on other sources of revenue, such as Section 8 or other federally based subsidies.

MOHCD provided a comprehensive overview of their financial tools to help fund supportive permanent housing. This includes programs to subsidize the shortfall. One such program which they created was the Local Operating Subsidy Program which would pay for the difference between the cost of operating housing and all other sources of operating revenue for a given project.

San Francisco Department of Public Health

Margot D. Antonetty, Interim Director of Housing and Urban Health

Ms. Antonetty and her staff provided information on the Department's role and programs related to homeless services and needs. This included an overview of their "Cost Effective Strategies for Housing Homeless Clients," which identified the numbers of homeless individuals and families and the benefits of permanent supportive housing.

Project Homeless Connect

Kara Zordel, Executive Director

We met with Ms. Zordel and her staff, who provided a comprehensive overview of Project Homeless Connect and the services provided by their volunteers and sponsors. The Project was created by City's Department of Public Health as a way to bring necessary services to people experiencing homelessness in the City using a unique approach to meet their needs.

For instance, in one day at a Project event, a homeless person can find services that would otherwise take months to secure such as dental, eye, and medical care; HIV testing; housing information; mental health services; California identifications cards; counseling and job placement; addiction services; and several other services.

Housing and Homeless Division, Human Services Agency

Scott W. Walton, Manager of Adult Services

We met with Mr. Walton and his staff provided a wide range of information on the City's emergency shelters and permanent supportive housing and services provided by his division, as well as information on the City's expenditures on homeless programs and cost-effective strategies for housing homeless persons.

These strategies included adult emergency shelters; family shelters; and permanent supportive housing. The programs include some form of support service and meals and are based on the family's or the individual's needs.

He also provided a "Guide to Programs and Services," which is a comprehensive directory listing of organizations and programs available to support self-sufficiency among individuals, families, and communities in San Francisco. These services include those that are offered to all residents regardless of income, employment or citizenship.

Office of Mayor Edwin M. Lee

Bevan Dufty, Director of Housing Opportunity, Partnerships & Engagement

Mr. Dufty and his staff provided us with keen insights regarding the City's approach to ending homelessness as well as continuing to support programs which have made a significant difference for the chronically homeless.

Some strategies include creating a "housing ladder" so homeless individuals and families do not get stalled on a particular rung to finding housing by moving them up the ladder toward self-sufficiency; Developing an integrated system to track use of homeless services to easily determine who should receive housing when one is available; ongoing care at medical shelters; and a number of other initiatives.

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Project Homeless Connect

10th Anniversary Breakfast Gala

The breakfast honored the agencies accomplishments for the past ten years and offered a look into the future plans for the agency. An awards ceremony at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium immediately followed the breakfast.

Episcopal Community Services

Ken Reggio, Executive Director

Mr. Reggio provided an overview of the organization's permanent supportive housing services, including a site visit to the Canon Kip Senior Center and the Canon Barcas Community House facility.

Episcopal Community Services mission is to help homeless and very low-income people obtain housing, jobs, shelter, and essential services to prevent and end homelessness, using a holistic approach that addresses the multiple causes leading to homelessness.

The Canon Kip Senior Center provides hot meals, case management, and community services to low-income elders 60 years and above. Over half the participants are currently or formerly homeless.

The Canon Barcas Community House facility provides permanent housing to homeless and very low-income families, many living with special needs such as mental illness, physical disabilities and substance use.

Community Housing Partnership

Gail Gilman, Executive Director

Ms. Gilman provided us with an overview of their organization and insights regarding the City's approach to ending homelessness as well as a visit to their 5th Street Apartments for transitional-aged youth and training and development center.

The organization is a nonprofit exclusively dedicated to providing supportive housing to formerly homeless individuals and families and pairs them with support services, employment preparation, job training, and community organizing activities. The organization owns, manages and provides services at 14 buildings with over 1,000 units. They affect the lives of over 1,500 formerly homeless adults and children annually using safe, stable housing as a platform to deliver services resulting in increased self-sufficiency.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: January 9, 2015

Traveler: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi
 Event: Mtgs/Site Visitation-Homeless Housing/Services/Agencies
 Location: San Francisco, California
 Dates: From December 15, 2014 To December 18, 2014

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	836.60	HNL- SF UAL FLT 724; SF-HNL UAL FLT 300
3. Hotel	967.20	Kensington Park - 450 Post Street, San Fran CA 94102
4. Meals	18.98	\$9.49 in flight meal for each leg (\$9.49 x 2 = \$18.98)
5. Ground Transportation	50.00	SF airport to Kensington Park Hotel
6. Tips		
7. Other	500.00	Sliding Scale Donation to Project Homeless Connect -
Other		(see attached)
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	2372.78	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



 Signature of Traveler

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 Date