



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Mayor Matt Mahan  
Councilmember Sergio Jimenez  
Councilmember Pam Foley  
Councilmember Arjun Batra

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** February 2, 2024

Approved

**SUBJECT: Agreements with Valley Transportation Authority and State of California for an Interim Shelter/Housing Community Located at the Cerone Property and Approve the Cerone, Cherry Avenue and Via del Oro Interim Shelter/Housing Communities Currently in Development as Committed Additions to the General Fund.**

## RECOMMENDATION

Accept the staff recommendation with the following addition:

1. When the construction and project delivery agreements for Via del Oro are considered by Council for approval, direct staff to include recommendations to preserve our progress within the areas prioritized for housing placements at Via del Oro, including Great Oaks Parkway and Las Colinas Lane. Staff's recommendations should consider:
  - a. Whether existing resources - such as leveraging the \$350,000 for enhanced services around EIH's (BD #23) or deploying a rapid-response abatement team comprising the therapeutic specialists funded through the FY 2023-2024 Adopted Budget - to prevent re-encampment in specific areas after the site opens, and
  - b. The estimated cost associated with a one-year pilot of establishing a no-return zone within 1.5 miles of the site, or other appropriate distance after staff analysis.

## BACKGROUND

Council approved the Via del Oro site for development of an emergency interim housing community (EIH) in October 2023. The approval included additional direction to prioritize outreach to unhoused residents within 1.5 miles of the project, including encampments and inhabited vehicles along Great Oaks Boulevard and Las Colinas Lane. We anticipate that the Via del Oro EIH community will provide 150 beds to help us move residents in this area off the

streets and into safe, dignified housing. This will be a significant step forward for both the residents that move into a unit at Via del Oro and for neighbors that have been facing the effects of unsafe, unmanaged encampments for far too long.

We owe it to the neighborhoods that host EIH's to demonstrate progress on homelessness by prioritizing people living in nearby encampments for EIH placements and following through with measures to prevent re-encampment. However, we recognize our resources are constrained given the magnitude of the crisis we see on our streets today. Therefore, staff should return with recommendations for which specific areas within 1.5 miles of the Via del Oro EIH can be maintained clear of encampments through the deployment of existing resources, or if needed, additional resources that could be considered in the next budget process for the entire 1.5 mile radius.

Finally, we appreciate the amount of staff time that has gone into advancing this project to date and once again thank philanthropist John Sobrato, and our primary development partner Dignity Moves, for their generosity.

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