



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
DATE: March 18, 2021

Approved

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3-18-2021

SUBJECT: Homelessness Annual Report and Addressing Homelessness During COVID19 Pandemic: Encampment and Abatement

RECOMMENDATIONS

Direct the City Manager to:

1. Require unhoused individuals—after substantial outreach that includes an offer of services and shelter—to relocate any time their encampment is located near a school, day care facility, or other child-serving location, at a substantial distance that accommodates the high-frequency walking routes of children to and from school.
 - a. Consider the distance commensurate with that identified for planning purposes for businesses serving alcohol and marijuana distribution.
2. Similarly mandate relocation of RV's near child-sensitive locations if the occupants are:
 - a. Illegally leaving waste or refuse near child-sensitive locations; or
 - b. Engaging in disruptive or illegal behavior.
3. Decline to follow the public health guidance regarding encampments where the City has determined that pragmatic concerns of public safety outweigh public health objectives near schools and other child-sensitive locations.

DISCUSSION

I have repeatedly urged that the City has taken CDC and County public health guidance far too literally in declining to relocate encampments where those encampments pose a risk to public safety. After much pushing, we softened our rigid adherence to the public health guidance to clear public rights of way, but not enough to address many other basic public safety concerns of our residents. I urge that we do so immediately.