

Lot E – Emergency Interim Housing

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Agenda

Welcome Mayor and Councilmember Peralez

Background Homelessness and Emergency Interim Housing

Overview of New Site Design and Layout

Questions Please use Q&A function to submit questions



The Need for Interim Housing

- **▲** In 2019, San José had more than 6,000 homeless residents
- **▲** The pandemic has pushed more people into homelessness
 - Job losses, lack of child care, illness, economic uncertainty
- **◆** Since March '20, 7,000+ people have been sheltered and nearly 3,000 permanently housed
- Demand for assistance is greater than our capacity
 - People are falling into homelessness at 2X the rate we can house them



Emergency Interim Housing







What is Emergency Interim Housing?

- **▲** Temporary housing for formerly homeless individuals
 - Helps people stabilize their lives and get out of crisis mode
 - Provides residents with individual units (similar to very small studios)
 - Includes shared amenities—e.g., kitchen, laundry room
- **◆** People typically live in interim housing for a few months
- Supportive services, such as mental health counseling, are provided to help people address underlying issues



Existing Interim Housing in San José







Who will live at the Lot E community?

- **▲** Formerly homeless individuals
 - Many have been sheltering in place at motels
- Work program participants
 - e.g., SJ Bridge
- **▲** Supportive housing program participants



What will be built on Lot E?



85-90 modular housing units





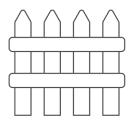
Community kitchen and laundry room



Enclosed parking lot



Dog run and picnic area



Fencing around entire 2½ acre site



Potential Site Plan





Preliminary Timeline







How was Lot E chosen?

- **▲** Executive Order N-32-20 March 18, 2020
 - Eliminates much of the red tape involved in building shelters and housing for the homeless
- Many sites were evaluated
 - Criteria included proximity to utilities, lot size, accessibility for construction equipment, ownership/control by the City
- **▲** City Council selected sites in multiple council districts
 - Five interim housing communities currently operate in four Council districts



Will this impact the neighborhood?

- Based on five existing interim housing communities,
 impact is minimal
- ★ We have not seen increases in criminal activity, loitering or neighborhood disturbances
- ♠ On-site security
- Visitors must sign in/out
- ♠ Residents must agree to site rules and code of conduct





Neighborhood Input

- **♠ Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be established**
 - Regular communication with site operator
 - Provide input on operations and challenges
 - Offer ideas for improvements





Public Comment & Questions







Thank You

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