



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

January 9, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Subject: **Discussion of Site Plan for Homeless Centralized Service Center/Emergency Shelter at 1400 E. Mission Ave. and Direction to Staff**

OVERVIEW

Recommendation - That the City Council

1. Receive a brief presentation of key concepts and concerns with the consultants' site plan entitled "Pre-Acquisition Analysis of Potential Site for a Centralized Service Center" (Site Plan)
2. Discuss the Site Plan
3. Receive public comment
4. Provide direction to staff and/or
5. Continue this discussion and direction to staff to upcoming regular Council meeting or Study Session

Fiscal Impact – The site being reviewed is currently in escrow with the City purchasing the property from a private property owner. The source of funds is low-mod housing Special Funds (bond proceeds) which were approved and appropriated in a previous Council action. Costs associated with implementation of the Site Plan remain to be determined and would be brought back to the Council for separate approval and appropriation. A key concern is that the City's role is to create a suitable location for services to be provided by other social service providers and that the City not be burdened to sustain costs to program this facility.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Concurrent with development of "A Way Home, Pomona's Homelessness Strategy", the City has been progressing toward creation of a Homeless Service Center/Emergency Shelter. To that end, the City has entered escrow to purchase 1400 E. Mission Ave. from a private property owner. The City hired specialized consultants to create concepts of how that location could be utilized, both short and long term, as a homeless service center/emergency shelter. The attached Site Plan represents the consultants' recommendation including key homeless services concepts based on current best practices, some options for site configuration, and a phased approach to maximize use of the property. It has been placed on the agenda for Council discussion and direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

The attached report prepared by LDC/LESAR Development Consultants in collaboration with Gonzalez Goodale Architects presents an articulated strategy for a Pomona Homeless Service Center/Emergency Shelter and site plan concepts for such a center to be located at 1400 E. Mission Ave. The 19 page report presents explanation of the Center's purpose and intended functionality of current and proposed structures on the site. Pages 13 through 19 are summarizing documents with tables and outlines presenting program requirements and a phased approach to use existing assets on the site with recommended investment in temporary and more permanent structures, and finally "Next Steps".

Staff will be prepared at the Council meeting, to highlight key aspects of the report and specific areas which may require Council input. Since the report had been intended to be presented at the January 23, 2017 meeting, it is not certain that the consultants will be available for the January 9 Council meeting. Having published the report, and with as large a group of stakeholders as the City has, the Council may wish to continue it for further review at an upcoming Council meeting or study session.

Attachment: "Pre-Acquisition Analysis of Potential Site for a Centralized Service Center"