

RESOLUTION NO.20-069

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL ENDORSING THE COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS 2020-25

WHEREAS, nearly five years ago, the City Council adopted the Community Plan to End Homelessness in Santa Clara County (2015-2020) (“Community Plan”), with partners working collectively to, among other efforts, help households resolve their homelessness, increase the number of supportive housing units in Santa Clara County, increase temporary housing and emergency shelter capacity, and launch a new homelessness prevention system; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plan, which is driven by and adopted by the Santa Clara County Continuum of Care (“CoC”), is a planning requirement placed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development on CoC funding that provides a county-level roadmap to address homelessness and its root causes, with local jurisdictions tailoring the roadmap to meet local needs; and

WHEREAS, despite the substantial progress made in creating an innovative, coordinated, and more comprehensive supportive housing system, the housing crisis continues to grow nationally and locally; in 2019 9,706 found themselves homeless in County of Santa Clara, and the challenges in ending homelessness are compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the economy and local budgets; and

WHEREAS, in June 2019, the City of Morgan Hill (“City”) together with Santa Clara County (“County”), Destination: Home, the City of San Jose and the City of Mountain View and non-profits, embarked on strategic planning and an extensive community engagement process to develop a new five-year Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, during the development of the new Community Plan, community feedback was sought to identify successes and challenges in the homeless system of care, and to collect innovative and inspiring ideas about how to address homelessness generally countywide, and specifically for certain subgroups such as youth and families; and

WHEREAS, this work resulted in the development of 14 strategies that fall into three focus areas: (1) Address the root causes of homelessness through system and policy change; (2) Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs to meet the need; and (3) Improve quality of life for unsheltered individuals and create healthy neighborhoods for all; and

WHEREAS, the Community Plan provides stakeholders with a common agenda that, if followed, will result in large collective impact, and endorsement of the new Community Plan will provide the City’s Administration the certainty to continue implementing urgent strategies during the COVID-19 public health crisis that also align with the Community Plan strategies;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Morgan Hill at its meeting held on this 2nd day of December 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Rene Spring, John McKay, Larry Carr, Rich Constantine
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

RICH CONSTANTINE, Mayor

MICHELLE BIGELOW, City Clerk

∞ CERTIFICATION ∞

I, Michelle Bigelow, City Clerk of the City of Morgan Hill, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 20-069 adopted by the City Council at the meeting held on the 2nd day of December 2020.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL.

DATE: _____

MICHELLE BIGELOW, CITY CLERK