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Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Everyone Home Long Beach Taskforce. (Citywide)

On May 21, 2018, Mayor Robert Garcia launched the Everyone Home Long Beach (EHLB) Initiative to address housing and homelessness in the City of Long Beach (City). Designed to build on the City's comprehensive homeless services and affordable housing efforts already underway, EHLB seeks innovative approaches to provide new pathways into housing and prevent residents from falling into homelessness.

On June 15, 2018, the City convened the EHLB Taskforce {Taskforce}, chaired by Jane Close Conoley, President, California State University Long Beach. The Taskforce was comprised of leaders from a diverse group of Long Beach institutions and organizations. The focus of the Taskforce was to understand service and housing needs in the community, review existing homeless services and low-income housing efforts, develop recommendations to prevent homelessness, identify new opportunities to support those experiencing homelessness to achieve housing, and to create opportunities for increased access to low-income housing. The Taskforce held five meetings between the months of June and November 2018, and provided the following materials and/or presentations:

- Taskforce Meeting Agendas (Attachment A)
- June 15, 2018 Taskforce Meeting Presentation (Attachment B)
- July 20, 2018 Taskforce Meeting Presentation (Attachment C)
- August 17, 2018 Taskforce Meeting Presentation (Attachment D)
- September 21, 2018 Taskforce Meeting Presentation (Attachment E)
- Continuum of Care Governance Charter (Attachment F)

Additionally, attached for your reference is a brochure titled "A Decade of Affordable Housing," which showcases several of the City's new affordable housing developments completed over the past decade, and highlights other achievements pertaining to the production and preservation of affordable housing (Attachment G).

The Taskforce provided governance, finance, and policy recommendations to be presented to the Mayor and City Council, which include 41 recommendations across the following goals:

1. Build governance, data capabilities, and financing to support a coordinated and robust homeless services and housing system.
2. Expand housing opportunities.

3. Incentivize and engage landlords to provide housing to low-income and homeless individuals and families.
4. Provide services and incentives to prevent homelessness.
5. Increase employment opportunities for people who are either at-risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.
6. Support children and families who are precariously housed or homeless.
7. Increase access to behavioral health and physical health services.
8. Develop services models specific to older adult, transition-aged youth, LGBTQ, and re-entry populations.
9. Implement a robust communications strategy.

The results of the Taskforce work are outlined in the **EHLB** Report (Report), which will be transmitted separately, prior to the December 11, 2018 meeting, to the Mayor and City Council. The Report will also be appended to this item and available for viewing by the public via the City Clerk website.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on November 20, 2018 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on November 27, 2018.

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

The total cost to develop the Report was \$52,604 and was funded with staff time and printing costs incurred within existing resources in the Health and Human Services, Technology Services, and the City Manager Departments. The Report is a visionary document with no direct funding currently identified to implement the recommended strategies. The Report outlines the need for identifying a sustainable funding source. The City will undertake efforts to identify and implement one or more funding sources to address the recommendations outlined in the Report. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

Approve recommendation.

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APPROVED:

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