

HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE

CITY OF PALM DESERT

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 23, 2025

3:00 p.m.

Administrative Conference Room, City Hall

73-510 Fred Waring Drive

Palm Desert, CA 92260

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Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **NONAGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This time has been set aside for the public to address the Homelessness Taskforce on issues that are not on the agenda for up to three minutes. Speakers may utilize one of the three options listed on the first page of the agenda. Because the Brown Act does not allow the Homelessness Taskforce to act on items not listed on the agenda, members may briefly respond or refer the matter to staff for a report and recommendation at a future meeting.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.a **PRESENTATION: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

RECOMMENDATION:

A verbal presentation will be provided. No action is required by the committee.

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5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one motion. The public may comment on any items on the Consent Agenda within the three-minute time limit. Individual items may be removed by the Homelessness Taskforce for a separate discussion.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

5.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES 17

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Minutes of November 4, 2024.

5.b CITY NET DECEMBER 2024 IMPACT REPORT 21

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the report for the month of December 2024.

5.c OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2024 CODE COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY REPORT 25

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the October, November, and December 2024 Code Compliance Activity Report.

6. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER

7. ACTION CALENDAR

The public may comment on individual Action Items within the three-minute time limit. Speakers may utilize one of the three options listed on the first page of the agenda.

7.a APPROVE 2025 HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE MEETING CALENDAR 31

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve 2025 Homelessness Taskforce Meeting Calendar.

7.b EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES TO TINY HOME DEVELOPMENT: PRIORITIZING HOUSING AND HOMELESS RESOURCES 33

RECOMMENDATION:

Prioritize existing housing and homeless resources and forgo tiny home development.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS & COMMENTS

8.a HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE MEMBERS

8.b CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

8.c COMMUNITY PARTNERS

8.d CITY STAFF

8.d.1 UPDATE ON 602 TRESPASS LETTER LEGISLATION 45

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a verbal report update; there is no action required with this item.

8.e ATTENDANCE REPORT

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting will be held on March 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

10. PUBLIC NOTICES

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda for the Homelessness Taskforce was posted on the City Hall bulletin board and City website not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

/S/ Erika Castellano
Recording Secretary

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025

PREPARED BY: Ivan Tenorio, Homeless and Supportive Services Manager

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM -
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RECOMMENDATION:

A verbal presentation will be provided. No action is required by the committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CSSOC Brief Overview

Riverside University Health Systems Behavioral Health

Crisis Support System of Care - CSSOC

Program Principles and Goals

- Immediate crisis response
- Stakeholder support
- Diversion to least restrictive setting
- Linkage to appropriate level of care
- Short-term intensive care coordination
- Outreach
- Any age any location within the county

Crisis Response Team Types

- Community Behavioral Health Assessment Team (CBAT)
- Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT)
- Mobile Crisis Management Teams (MCMT)

What is CBAT?

- A special unit staffed with an RUHS-BH **Clinical Therapist** and a **designated Peace Officer**
- Duties include *rapid response; evaluation and risk assessment, linkage and referral to appropriate resources* with the intent of connecting individuals for continued mental health services and care
- The overall responsibilities of the CBAT unit is to provide *immediate crisis intervention* to members that are experiencing a behavioral health related crisis.

Primary Goals of CBAT

- Diversion from:
 - Involuntary psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations
 - Incarceration
 - Emergency departments
- Reduction in repeat law enforcement calls
- Linkage to appropriate care with a focus on promoting on-going support and treatment.
- Strengthen partnership and sense of unity between the community, LE and BH

Mobile Crisis Response Teams

Program Description

- Fully field based
- Staffing – Clinical Therapist, Peer Support Specialist and Behavioral Health Specialist
- 7 days a week, 24 hours a day
- Stakeholder program – Law Enforcement, Hospitals, Schools, CPS, APS, CHCs, and now impacted county clinics

Mobile Crisis Management Team

Program Description

- Fully field based
- Staffing – Clinical Therapist, BHSIII, BHSII, and Peer Support Specialist
- Monday-Thursday 8:00am-5:30pm, Friday 8:00am-4:30pm
- When not engaged in crisis response the teams will spend time in the community seeking consumers in need and in crisis.
 - Engagement, food, water, hygiene kits, rapport building, transportation, exploring needs, and offering services
- Intensive care coordination

How to Access Mobile Crisis Response Teams

- Stakeholders call 951-715-5040 or 888-374-1113
- Community members call 951-686-HELP
- Our **Call Center** staff will obtain brief information such as:
 - Name, DOB, location, and a brief description of the mental health crisis
 - Contact information (name and phone number) of the individual who team should consult upon arriving on scene to a crisis response
- The goal of the Mobile Crisis Teams is to be on location in less than 30 minutes when at all possible. Sometimes due to call volume this is not always possible.

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 4, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Present: Taskforce Member Joseph Butts*, Vice Chair Scott Marks,
Taskforce Member Davis Meyer, Taskforce Member Christopher
Schachter, Chair Diane Vines

Absent: Taskforce Member Cindy Burreson

Liaison(s) Present: Mayor Karina Quintanilla

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Chris Escobedo, Code Compliance
Supervisor Pedro Rodriguez, Homelessness Support Manager
Ivan Tenorio, Erika Castellano

Taskforce Member Butts arrived at 3:36 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Homelessness Taskforce was called to order by Chair Vines on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 3:03 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Motion by: Vice Chair Scott Marks

Seconded by: Taskforce Member Meyer

Reelect Chair Vines as Chairperson of the Homelessness Taskforce.

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

Motion by: Chair Vines

Seconded by: Taskforce Member Meyer

Elect Taskforce Member Scott Marks as the Vice Chairperson of the Homelessness Taskforce

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by: Taskforce Member Meyer
Seconded by: Vice Chair Scott Marks

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

5.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Taskforce Member Meyer
Seconded by: Vice Chair Scott Marks

Approve the Minutes of September 4, 2024

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

5.b CITY NET IMPACT REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024

Motion by: Taskforce Member Meyer
Seconded by: Vice Chair Scott Marks

Approve the City Net Impact Report for September 2024.

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

6. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER

None.

7. ACTION CALENDAR

7.a HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE 2025 WORKPLAN

Homelessness Services Manager Tenario provided a verbal update and presentation on the results of the Homelessness Taskforce Workplan survey and responded to Committee member inquiries.

Motion by: Taskforce Member Meyer
Seconded by: Vice Chair Scott Marks

Approve and reaffirm the existing Workplan categories, as well as incorporate the new "Homeless Prevention Resources".

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS & COMMENTS

8.a HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE MEMBERS

With consensus from the Committee the following items were requested to be included in future agendas:

- Tiny Home Housing Opportunities
- Information on Recuperative Care

8.b CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Mayor Quintanilla provided thank you cards to Taskforce Members on behalf of the City Council.

8.c COMMUNITY PARTNERS

8.d CITY STAFF

Recording Secretary Castellano provided information on a live, interactive AB1234 Ethics Training session, facilitated by attorneys from Best Best & Krieger on January 30, 2025, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Palm Desert Council Chamber or virtually via Zoom.

8.e ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Homelessness Taskforce adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Castellano, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary

Ivan Tenorio, Homelessness Support Manager
Secretary

DATE APPROVED BY HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025

PREPARED BY: Ivan Tenorio, Homeless and Supportive Services Manager

SUBJECT: CITY NET DECEMBER 2024 IMPACT REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a report; there is no action required with this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City Net December 2024 Impact Report



City Net Impact Report

Palm Desert
December 2024



95

Clients Interactions

68

Clients Served

61

Active Clients at Months End

2

Positive Exits



160 Days

Average length of stay in project



SUCCESS STORIES

City Net case managers have spent several months working with a client who needed assistance with getting updated identification, court visits, job assistance, and support through case management. While enrolled, the client accepted a job offer that provided him with more financial stability and promised to advance his career in the future. The client has been focused and driven to become self-sufficient while using the support systems that City Net provided. (Continue on page 2)

140

Service Transactions
(ex. Case management, transportation, etc.)



Hours of Case Management Services

70



Demographics

Veterans: 1

Chronically Homeless: 31

Seniors: 7



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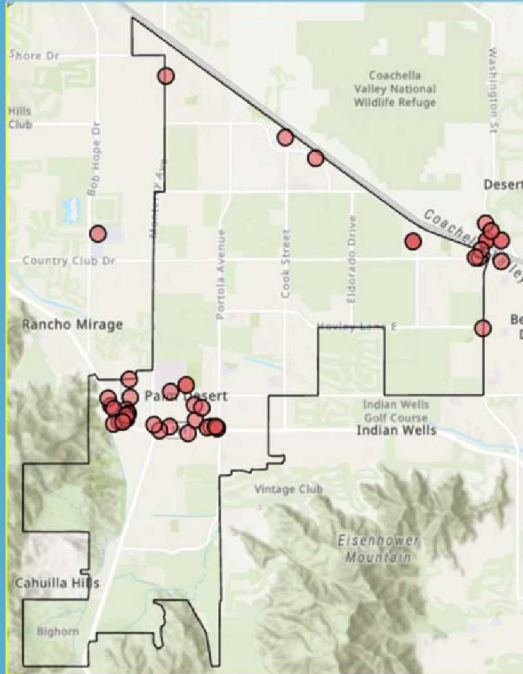
Exits to Shelter

1

Exits to Temporary Housing

1

Exits to Permanent Housing



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

City Net case managers proudly serve clients from all walks of life. A good portion of our clients are parolees who must be concerned with navigating surviving on the streets, while also checking in with their case managers and officers alike. City Net thanks our kind and extremely helpful parole officer agents who keep their lines of communication open and who are just as dedicated as we are in ensuring the safety and progress of our clients!

Please note that case managers meet clients where they're located at the time, even outside of city bounds, to provide care

SUCCESS STORIES

(Continued from page 1) By the end of the year, the client had become document-ready, resolved his court disputes, and was working consistently enough that he and his partner could focus their efforts on searching for permanent housing. Case managers collaborated with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments in December to refer the couple to a housing opportunity. Before the month ended, the client had moved into his new home and was settling in, preparing for his partner to join him in the new year.

- Local police officers referred a client to City Net when he reached out to say that he had nowhere to live once he was out on parole. The outreach team met with the client on the same day he was referred so that he could establish a rapport with his case managers and complete his enrollment intake. He shared his experience going through substance abuse recovery and rehab, which he wanted to maintain while searching for housing. Through collaboration with his case managers and parole officer, he was able to enter a sober living facility in mid-December. After moving in, the client continued checking in with City Net to share his progress on reintegrating into daily life and searching for employment to become financially stable in the new year.
- An individual living out of her car for the better part of 2024 reached out to City Net after receiving contact information about the organization from her employer. Case managers met with the client to learn more about her living situation. She explained that rent increases had forced her out of her home, and she had no options for where to go. She had been living in her car to save up for the move-in costs of a new apartment, but the process had been slow and challenging without any support. Within a week of meeting her case managers, the client secured a hold for a potential rental unit, and City Net advocated for her to be her future property manager. Her case managers secured financial assistance for her move-in and helped expedite the approval process so that she could sign her lease before the holidays. After moving in, she thanked her case management team, sharing that she had begun to settle in and that the team's quick actions and support had given her a chance to start fresh in the coming year.

Positive exits indicate clients moved off the streets or out of shelter into a more stable living situation.

Temporary housing includes rehabilitation programs, institutional care facilities, and all transitional housing placements.

Permanently housed clients rent a private residence where they may receive ongoing subsidies or have moved into a residence with family or friends permanently.

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025

PREPARED BY: Pedro Rodriguez, Code Compliance Supervisor

SUBJECT: OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2024 CODE COMPLIANCE
ACTIVITY REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the October, November, and December 2024 Code Compliance Activity Report.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The attached reports provide details regarding the types of calls handled by the code compliance division during this reporting period.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

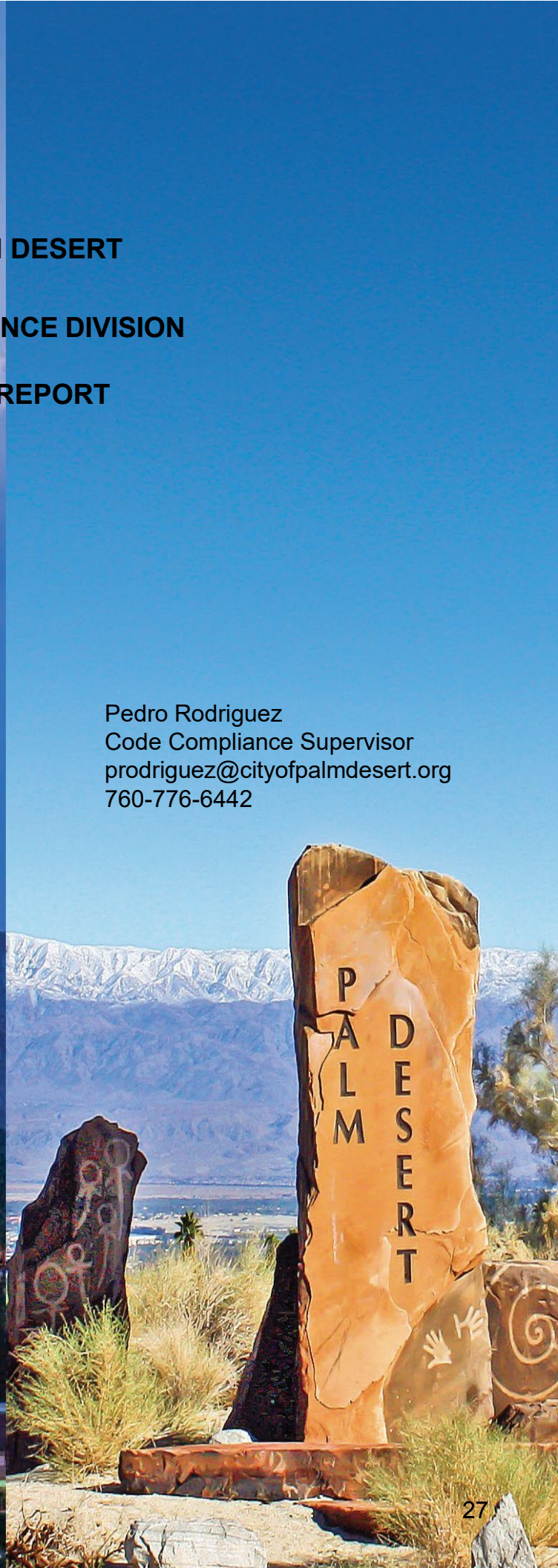
There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Cover page
2. Code Compliance Activity Report
3. YTD Statistics for 2024

CITY OF PALM DESERT
CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT

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CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

This reporting period is for October, November, and December 2024. This report will reflect all the current activity regarding unlawful storage of personal property and unlawful encampments and assist the Riverside Sheriff's Department.

Code Compliance Officers responded to 16 complaints of unlawful camping and storage of personal property on private and public property. During this reporting period, there were no abatements of personal property. Code Compliance Officers responded to 7 calls to assist the Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies in removing and storing personal property.

Code Compliance Activity –October, November and December 2024		
Code Compliance Cases for Unlawful Camping/Storage of Property		16
Violation by Case Type		
Unlawful Camping on Private Property		2
Unlawful Camping on Public Property		1
Storage of Personal Property on Private Property		3
Storage of Personal Property on Public Property		2
Panhandling Complaints		0
Assist Riverside County Sheriff Dept with removal/storage of property		7
Assist with 602 Penal Code Letter for Business		1
Removal of shopping carts with personal property		0
Abatements of Unlawful Campsites or Storage of Personal Property		
	Cost	
	Cost	
	Cost	
	Cost	
	Cost	

Code Compliance Division YTD 2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Assist RSO	4	4	3	3	6	3	2	4	5	4	2	1	41
Pan Handling	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Storage of Personal Property on Private Property	3	2	3	2	4	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	21
Storage of Personal Property on Public Property	5	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	18
Unlawful Camping on Private Property	6	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	16
Unlawful Camping on Public Property	8	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	12
PC 602 letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Storage of Shopping cart with personal property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025

PREPARED BY: Ivan Tenorio, Homeless and Supportive Services Manager

SUBJECT: APPROVE 2025 HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE MEETING CALENDAR

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve 2025 Homelessness Taskforce Meeting Calendar.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

City staff proposes the following meeting dates for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year. These dates and times are intended to provide staff with sufficient time to prepare materials for Taskforce discussions. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- March 3, 2025, 2:00 PM.
- May 5, 2025, 2:00 PM.
- July 7, 2025, 2:00 PM.
- September 1, 2025, is Labor Day. We would need to reschedule to September 8, 2025, 2:00 PM.
- November 3, 2025, 2:00 PM.

All meetings are scheduled for the first Mondays of the month bi-monthly, except for the rescheduled September 8, 2025 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025

PREPARED BY: Ivan Tenorio, Homeless and Supportive Services Manager

SUBJECT: EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES TO TINY HOME DEVELOPMENT:
PRIORITIZING HOUSING AND HOMELESS RESOURCES

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend prioritizing existing housing and homeless resources instead of tiny home development.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

At the May 21, 2024, Homelessness Taskforce meeting, members requested information on tiny home projects. In response, City staff compiled a comprehensive report offering an overview of several projects. This includes:

- Descriptions of four existing tiny home communities.
- The range of services offered at each site.
- An analysis of the advantages and limitations of these communities.

The report also examines Palm Desert's zoning laws, identifying how they may support or restrict tiny home initiatives. To illustrate how tiny home projects function across different regions of the country, the following examples showcase unique communities, each with distinct approaches to supporting residents and transitioning them into permanent housing. Included are details on the benefits, challenges, and annual operational costs (not including infrastructure costs).

Community First Village (Austin, TX):

- **Unit Amount:** 500 tiny homes
- **Land Size:** Initially 51 acres, with plans to expand by an additional 127 acres, bringing the total to 178 acres.
- **Services:** Residents access healthcare, job training, art studios, gardens, and peer support.
- **Transition to Permanent Housing:** 91% success rate.
- **Length of Stay:** Residents are typically given indefinite stays, as the community aims to provide permanent housing for the chronically homeless.
- **Advantages:** Provides permanent, stable housing with strong community support and job opportunities, allowing residents to build a long-term life in one place.

- **Challenges:** High operational cost and the need for significant land make it challenging to replicate; long-term commitment can limit spaces for new residents.
- **Operational Cost:** \$6 million per year

Interbay Village (Seattle, WA):

- **Unit Amount:** 76 tiny homes
- **Land Size:** Specific acreage is not publicly disclosed
- **Services:** Case management, job placement, health care, and mental health services.
- **Transition to Permanent Housing:** 40% success rate.
- **Length of Stay:** Short-term for 6–12 months, though extensions are possible based on individual needs and until permanent housing is secured.
- **Advantages:** Modular and scalable; quick to set up and flexible with location options; effective in reducing unsheltered homelessness quickly.
- **Challenges:** Temporary housing can feel unstable for residents; needs substantial ongoing support services to ensure smooth transitions to permanent housing.
- **Operational Cost:** \$1.5 million per year.

Hope Village (Medford, OR):

- **Unit Amount:** 30 tiny homes
- **Land Size:** 1 acre.
- **Services:** Provides support for mental health, employment, and general counseling.
- **Transition to Permanent Housing:** 60% success rate.
- **Length of Stay:** Short-term, often between 6–12 months, with extensions for those working toward housing stability.
- **Advantages:** Small, close-knit community that emphasizes mental health and employment support, creating a tailored approach to help residents move toward self-sufficiency.
- **Challenges:** Limited capacity and high demand result in waitlists; availability of permanent housing options in the area can impact the transition process.
- **Operational Cost:** \$200,000 per year.

Chandler Boulevard Tiny Home Village (Los Angeles, CA):

- **Unit Amount:** 40 tiny homes
- **Land Size:** Approximately 0.75 acres
- **Services:** Case management, storage, hygiene facilities, meals, housing navigation, behavioral health services, and job training.
- **Transition to Permanent Housing:** 30% success rate.
- **Length:** Short-term, typically 3–6 months, as these villages are focused on rapid rehousing into apartments or reunification with family.
- **Advantages:** Rapid setup to address urgent homelessness; equipped with basic facilities and services for daily living and support, making it effective as a short-term solution.

- **Challenges:** Although the intended stay is 3–6 months, the limited timeframe may not be sufficient for all residents to secure permanent housing. With a shortage of affordable housing options in Los Angeles, some residents may face difficulty transitioning and could return to homelessness.
- **Operational Cost:** \$1.2 million per year.

The examples reviewed demonstrate that tiny home projects can effectively address specific housing needs, particularly for transitional or emergency housing. However, these initiatives often require significant land, infrastructure, and operational funding, as evidenced by models like Austin’s Community First Village. Additionally, their success depends heavily on tailored zoning laws and robust support services—factors that pose challenges given Palm Desert’s current zoning restrictions and resource limitations.

Funding Challenges

Although innovative, tiny home village funding models face several challenges. Each model depends on a mix of private donations, government funding, and community support, which can lead to sustainability issues if any of these resources decrease. High initial costs and complex funding arrangements can hinder scalability, particularly in resource-constrained regions. The models that rely heavily on community contributions or volunteer support may struggle with operational stability, as these resources are not always predictable.

In the City of Palm Desert, funding options are further limited. The City currently relies on Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds and Opioid Settlement funds, which are already encumbered for existing homeless support services. These funding sources are not available to support the development or operation of new initiatives like tiny home villages.

While these models demonstrate the potential of tiny home communities, local zoning regulations also play a significant role in determining what is feasible within the City of Palm Desert.

Palm Desert Zoning Laws

Local zoning regulations pose challenges for transitional or emergency tiny home projects, including:

- Density restrictions and conditional use permits.
- Setback, building, and parking requirements.
- Infrastructure obligations.
- Size and occupancy criteria

Many areas in the city require homes to be at least 1,000 square feet, a standard that tiny homes typically do not meet. Additionally, density restrictions limit the number of homes that can be built on a given property, making it difficult to accommodate the smaller footprint of tiny homes without amending the zoning code. Regulations also mandate specific setbacks, or distances

between structures and property lines, which can be particularly challenging for clustered tiny home communities.

Furthermore, under the current Palm Desert Municipal Code, any significant deviation from established density, size, or infrastructure requirements would require obtaining a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). This process is often lengthy and uncertain, adding to the complexity of implementing tiny home projects. Lastly, infrastructure requirements—such as access to utilities like water, electricity, and sewage—add significant complexity and costs to such developments.

Alternatives

The City prioritizes working with key partners to implement solutions that address homelessness comprehensively. This collaborative strategy ensures immediate access to critical resources and services. These partnerships include:

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM): Immediate access to five shelter beds when requested and provides housing resources to connect those in need of permanent housing solutions.

Coachella Valley Association of Governments – CV Housing First (CVAG): Provides bridge housing, case management, linkage to substance abuse/behavioral health treatment, legal services, and housing vouchers via Riverside County Coordinate Entry System (CES).

City Net: Street outreach services, case management, linkage to substance abuse/behavioral health treatment, vital documentation, housing vouchers via Riverside County Coordinate Entry System (CES).

Code Compliance: Responds to public nuisance complaints related to encampments.

Riverside County Sherrif's Department: Provides support in managing trespass orders and addressing individuals engaged in unlawful activities.

Due to current zoning restrictions, high operational costs, and the availability of viable alternatives, staff recommends prioritizing existing partnerships to address housing and homeless services effectively. Instead, efforts should leverage and enhance existing resources to deliver immediate and effective solutions. Well-integrated community organizations already deliver proven programs, including bridge housing, case management, and housing placement through the Riverside County Coordinated Entry System (CES).

Strengthening these partnerships enables the City to optimize resources, minimize redundancies, and implement scalable, sustainable strategies to address homelessness. Additionally, the City should focus on initiatives that facilitate rapid, adaptable responses to homelessness while advocating for county-level support to develop affordable housing solutions aligned with regional and local priorities. This phased approach addresses immediate needs effectively while laying the groundwork for innovative housing solutions in the future

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Costs for Homeless Services Programs are covered by Opioid Settlement and Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Funding, therefore there is no additional impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Tiny Home Presentation

EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES TO TINY HOME DEVELOPMENT

IVAN TENORIO, HOMELESS
AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
MANAGER



PALM DESERT

TINY HOME COMMUNITY CASE STUDIES



Community First Village (Austin, TX): 500 units, \$6M annual cost, permanent housing focus, 91% success rate.



Interbay Village (Seattle, WA): 76 units, \$1.5M annual cost, modular and flexible, 40% success rate.



Hope Village (Medford, OR): 30 units, \$200K annual cost, small community, 60% success rate.



Chandler Blvd (Los Angeles, CA): 40 units, \$1.2M annual cost, rapid rehousing, 30% success rate.

CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

Operational Costs:
High annual costs
(\$200K–\$6M).

Zoning Restrictions:
Density limits, size
requirements,
setbacks, and
infrastructure needs.

Sustainability Issues:
Dependence on
private and
government funding.

PLHA and Opioid:
Encumbered funds to
current services.



LEVERAGING EXISTING RESOURCES

Leverage partnerships with:

- Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM)
- CV Housing First (CVAG)
- City Net
- Code Compliance
- Riverside Sheriff's Department

WHY PRIORITIZE EXISTING RESOURCES?



COST: EXISTING PROGRAMS ARE MORE AFFORDABLE AND SCALABLE



IMPACT: PROVEN SUCCESS IN CONNECTING INDIVIDUALS TO PERMANENT HOUSING



SIMPLICITY: AVOIDS ZONING AND INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES TIED TO TINY HOMES

RECOMMENDATION



Recommend prioritizing existing housing and homeless resources instead of tiny home development

**HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2025

PREPARED BY: Ivan Tenorio, Homeless and Supportive Services Manager

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON 602 TRESPASS LETTER LEGISLATION

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a verbal report update; there is no action required with this item.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

In January 2024, California enacted Senate Bill 602, introducing new requirements for 602 Trespass Authorization Letters. This legislation mandates that all 602 forms must be notarized to be valid. As a result, any online submissions made without notarization are now void. Staff are collaborating with Code Compliance to provide updated forms and notary services at no charge to business owners and residents.

Staff is also collaborating with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to curate a list of existing businesses under the previous system and effectively notify them of these changes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

**CITY OF PALM DESERT
ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Advisory Body: _____ Homelessness Taskforce _____

Prepared By: _____ Erika Castellano _____

Year	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	Total	Total
Month	Sep	Nov	Jan	Mar	May	Sept	Nov	Total	Unexcused
Date	11-Sep	6-Nov	9-Jan	4-Mar	21-May	4-Sep	4-Nov	Absences	Absences
Bauer, Kathleen	N/A	E	P	E	E	P	N/A	2	0
Burreson, Cindy	P	E	P	P	E	E	E	4	0
Butts, Joseph	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	0	0
Fisher-Anaya, Rosemary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Marks, Scott	P	A	P	E	E	P	P	3	1
Meyer, Davis	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0	0
Schachter, Chris	N/A	P	P	A	P	P	P	1	1
Siddiq, Franchon-Marie	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	0	0
Vines, Diane	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	1	0

Palm Desert Municipal Code 2.34.010:

Bimonthly: Two unexcused absences from regular meetings in any twelve-month period shall

- P Present
- A Absent
- E Excused
- No meeting