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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

FROM: Ky Le, Director, Office of Supportive Housing

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SUBJECT: Hope Village Situation Report

Hope Village is the tent community for homeless people established by Casa de Clara Catholic Worker (Organizers). This memo communicates the status of Hope Village as of approximately 5:00 PM on September 27, 2018.

- The Temporary Use Agreement with the City of San Jose (City) has been executed; the Exhibit A, which specifies the portion of the parcel that the County will be leasing to site Hope Village, is being finalized by the Office of the County Counsel and the Facilities and Fleet Department (FAF). The remainder of the parcel will remain under the City's control. In the picture below, the opening in the gate leads to the area that Hope Village will occupy. Other campers not affiliated with Hope Village have their structures on the remainder of the parcel.



- To prepare the County-leased portion of the parcel for Hope Village's use, the County's Roads and Airports Department removed debris and vegetation, graded the site, fenced

off a portion of the site for Hope Village, and added gates for Hope Village. The site was ready to be occupied by 9:00AM on September 27, 2018. On Friday, September 28, 2018, the dumpster used to remove debris and vegetation will be picked up. The County will add ground covering and rock for the driveway on Monday, October 1, 2018.

- The County has executed a Service Agreement with the Organizers. As of the writing of this report, Hope Village is on site and operational with five (5) participants. Hope Village is still limited to 14 participants until further notice.
- There were 15-25 homeless people camping on the site before the County leased the site from the City. OSH negotiated with the campers to temporarily vacate the site during the site preparation work, and no one needed to be evicted from the site. The County provided motel stays and supplies to the existing campers. As of 10:30 AM today, these campers started returning to the site, remaining in the back area of the parcel throughout the day due to media presence. Supplies were delivered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES); these supplies were distributed and appreciated. Additional supplies for these campers have been requested through OES and will be distributed upon delivery.
- Michelle Covert will be the Office of Supportive Housing (OSH) lead and will coordinate with other departments on site, as well as the project moving forward. Linda Jones is her backup. They will alternate site visits over the next few days.
- OSH is in communication with the City's Housing Department regarding the feasibility of the City providing a portable toilet and a garbage bin for the other campers. OSH will coordinate with FAF following the completion of those discussions.
- OSH is preparing a legislative file for the October 16, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting to ratify the various agreements and to provide the Board of Supervisors with additional updates on the program.

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