

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Grand Jury Response (Homelessness)

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation:

Pass a Motion authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign and submit the attached response to the Sacramento County Grand Jury 2018-2019.

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Presenter: None.

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-2018-2019 Grand Jury Report - "Addressing Homelessness in Sacramento County: An Extraordinary Community Challenge"

3-2018-2019 Grand Jury Response Letter

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Sacramento County Grand Jury 2018-2019 Report included an assessment of the regional response to homelessness in Sacramento County, included as Attachment 2 to this report. In their report, the Grand Jury initially found that "leaders and workers" in the public and private sectors have "demonstrated an impressive level of both dedication and competence in assisting and supporting the County's homeless population." However, the grand jury also indicated its belief that the regional response to homelessness would be enhanced by the adoption of a formal organizational model, the goal of which would be to ensure the most effective and efficient use of critical resources available for that purpose, and recommended that organizations working to address homelessness adopt such a model. The proposed response letter, included as Attachment 3 to this report, both acknowledges the usefulness of the type of organizational model suggested by the

Grand Jury, and indicates the City's willingness to work with appropriate agencies, public and private, for its creation.

Policy Considerations: The Grand Jury is an arm of the Sacramento County Superior Court and is considered part of the judicial branch of government. Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05 require that the City submit specific responses to the applicable findings and recommendations in this report to the Presiding Judge of the Sacramento County Superior Court.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: The City has developed numerous programs to address homelessness. The model recommended by the Grand Jury has merit and should be the topic of conversation with other local agencies.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.