



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

File #: 19-1078, **Version:** 1

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Williams

Meeting Date: November 19, 2019

Department Contact: Supervisor Williams

Item Type: Regular Agenda

Phone: 463-4221

Time Allocated for

Item: 30 Mins

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Direction for Health and Human Services to Author a Jobs for Homeless Initiative Plan with Supervisor Williams Targeted at Offering Employment Opportunities to Homeless Persons in Collaboration with Government Agencies and Private Industry; and Returning to Board of Supervisors for Approval

(Sponsor: Supervisor Williams)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Direct Health and Human Services to author a Jobs for Homeless Initiative plan with Supervisor Williams targeted at offering employment opportunities to homeless persons in collaboration with government agencies and private industry; and return to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

A key goal of any homeless program is lifting people toward self-sufficiency. Providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness is an approach backed by research, but equally important for some is the dignity that comes from hard work. Not every homeless person is positioned for employment today, but for some it is an appropriate path forward. The goal of this initiative is to give people an opportunity to earn an equitable daily wage, connecting individuals with supportive services, and providing homeless citizens an opportunity for employment instead of panhandling. This is a missing component of the spectrum of services we need to provide for folks dealing with homelessness. Homeless citizens face steep obstacles in securing employment. Whether hired on the spot to clear brush for government or facilitated to work a regular schedule under a public-private partnership with industry, hard work can be a pathway leading away from street living and off of permanent public assistance.

Alternative Action/Motion:

None.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Unknown

current f/y cost: Unknown

annual recurring cost: Unknown

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: Fiscal Analysis Not Yet Complete

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review:

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: November 22, 2019

Final Status: **Direction Given to Staff**

