



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 26, 2019

TO: Each Alameda County Mayor and City Manager

SUBJECT: **July 22, 2019 Regional Meeting on Homelessness Follow Up**

Thank you for your participation in the regional meeting on homelessness on July 22 - a historic convening of all Alameda County mayors and the full Board of Supervisors. At the end of the day, the updated information and open discussion reaffirmed that as regional leaders we must redouble our efforts to end homelessness by expanding our partnerships; strengthening our collaborations; and enhancing our communications.

We also appreciate your staff's submission of data on your city's encampments; city-owned facilities serving the homeless; budgeted resources dedicated to homelessness services; and your priority projects to address the current crisis. As shared at the meeting, based upon your data, the collective financial investment from all cities throughout Alameda County totals about \$53.0 million this fiscal year. When combined with the County's financial commitment towards ending homelessness this year, **we are collectively investing over \$177 million in fiscal year 2019-2020 alone to address homelessness throughout Alameda County!**

Now is the time for a call to action given the recent release by our Continuum of Care (CoC) EveryOne Home, of our region's Point-In-Time count showing a 43% increase in our homeless population since 2017. To advance our agenda, we agreed that the Alameda County Mayors Conference would identify a diverse team of mayors that represents all regions of the County to work with designated members of the Board of Supervisors. Our collective goal is for the City and County team of elected officials to identify priority issues and projects that we can jointly address expeditiously and collaboratively. This City-County working team can report out to a full convening of all Mayors and the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis.

Through this structured process we can ensure that there is broad input and diverse voices that continue to work as partners on some of the priority issues raised during the July 22 meeting including adding Navigation Centers; co-locating services on city-owned homeless services sites; repurposing the Glenn E. Dyer Detention Facility; coordinating mental health outreach; expanding safe parking; enhancing debris removal/hygiene services; and increasing homelessness prevention programs.

We look forward to the Conference of Mayors establishing the new working team of mayors to work with members of the Board of Supervisors as we continue to jointly identify solutions and explore potential ongoing revenue streams like a countywide half cent sales tax to support our collective efforts to house our residents and end homelessness in our communities.

The presentation materials from the meeting are posted on our website: <https://homelessness.acgov.org>. Thank you again for your commitment to innovative solutions and collaborative partnerships that will address the crisis of our neighbors living on the streets and end homelessness in Alameda County.

If you should have any questions, please contact Supervisor Wilma Chan at (510) 272-6693.


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