

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (2023 SERIES)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS
OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE HOMELESSNESS
RESPONSE STRATEGIC PLAN**

WHEREAS, the General Plan 6th Cycle Housing Element includes Goal 1: Safety, (to provide safe, decent shelter for all residents) and Goal 8: Special Housing Needs (encourage the creation and maintenance of housing for those with special housing needs), with supporting policies and programs that include but are not limited to: assisting those citizens unable to obtain safe shelter on their own, supporting local and regional solutions to homelessness, and assisting the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless by supporting to encourage the creation of housing development that meets a variety of special needs; and

WHEREAS, On August 9, 2022, after a staff presentation to the City Council on June 21, 2022, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors approved the Countywide Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness with a goal to reduce instances of homelessness in the county by 50% in five-years; and

WHEREAS, City of San Luis Obispo residents and businesses have repeatedly identified homelessness as a top community priority; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Major City Goal since 2017 in response to the housing and homelessness crises; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021, September 20, 2022, and February 7, 2023, the City Council held study sessions to receive the status of ongoing city activities and strategies to address homelessness and provide direction to staff on developing the Homelessness Response Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City's first Homelessness Response Strategic Plan has been prepared in collaboration with County of San Luis Obispo staff, lessons learned through City staff implementation of strategies to date, and strategic feedback from stakeholders that included an online public survey, in-person surveys with unsheltered and unhoused individuals, and six feedback sessions with distinct organizations and groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo to approve the Homelessness Response Strategic Plan as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as the findings of the City in adopting the policies herein.

SECTION 2. Environmental Review. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The City Council has determined that the Homelessness Response Strategic Plan is not a project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines section 15378.

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SECTION 3. Findings. The City Council, after consideration of the Homelessness Response Strategic Plan, staff recommendations, public testimony and reports thereof, makes the following findings:

1. The proposed Homelessness Response Strategic Plan will promote public health, safety, and welfare of persons living in the City by implementing strategies to prevent homelessness and connect individuals experiencing homelessness to services and housing.
2. The proposed Homelessness Response Strategic Plan is consistent with the General Plan (including 6th Cycle Housing Element Policies and Programs 1.1, 1.2, 1.7, 8.1, 8.8, 8.10, 8.11, 8.19, and 8.21 among others) and will further General Plan goals to support local and regional solutions to homelessness.

3. The proposed Homelessness Response Strategic Plan will implement strategies within the framework of regional collaboration, communications, data, pilot programs and funding opportunities to prevent and address instances of homelessness within the community.

Upon motion of Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution was adopted this _____ day of _____ 2023.

Mayor Erica A. Stewart

ATTEST:

Teresa Purrington
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

J. Christine Dietrick
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, on _____.

Teresa Purrington
City Clerk

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