

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE
CITIES OF EL CAJON, LA MESA, LEMON GROVE, SANTEE, AND THE
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, FOR HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the La Mesa City Council adopted a Housing First Model along with the 2021-2026 Homeless Action Plan;

WHEREAS, one of those goals identified in the Homeless Action Plan is that the City of La Mesa (the "City") would "expand the City's ability to connect homeless residents to transitional and permanent housing opportunities";

WHEREAS, one of the tasks associated with the implementation this goal of the Homeless Action Plan is the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") or other agreement among east San Diego County jurisdictions, which include the cities of El Cajon ("El Cajon"), La Mesa ("La Mesa"), Lemon Grove ("Lemon Grove"), Santee ("Santee") (collectively, the "Cities"), and the County of San Diego (the "County");

WHEREAS, during the past months staff from the Cities have reviewed and finalized a proposed MOU from the County;

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the City Council reviews and approves the MOU, or such other agreement based upon the MOU, and provides staff the authority to work with the County on revised language;

WHEREAS, the term of the MOU is for five (5) years, and commits each city to (1) identify potential locations for the siting of low-barrier emergency housing and facilities for associated on-site services, and (2) seek the establishment of permanent and permanent-supportive housing within the city in sufficient number to house persons identified as experiencing unsheltered or sheltered homelessness;

WHEREAS, all projects, programs, efforts, budgeting, and entitlement actions shall be subject to the final approval or concurrence of the City Council so that no party can obligate another party;

WHEREAS, the County agrees to (1) identify potential locations for the siting of low-barrier emergency housing and facilities for associated on-site services, (2) seek the establishment of permanent and permanent-supportive housing within the city in sufficient number to house persons identified as experiencing unsheltered or sheltered homelessness, (3) coordinate with other parties on determining the equitable financial share of Request for Proposal contributions based on formula of persons experiencing homelessness in each jurisdiction, availability of external state/federal resources, and other non-monetary contributions, (4) collaborate on homeless outreach and social work street outreach services by engaging, connecting, and referring persons experiencing homelessness for the purpose of providing assessment, support, and housing appropriate for the individual's needs, (5) work collaboratively with MOU parties to identify behavioral health service needs for those experiencing homelessness, (6) administer federal, state, and local funded housing programs that are awarded to the County, throughout the region as dictated by each funding

source in a manner consistent with the MOU, and (7) consider making surplus property in the unincorporated area available for the production of low-barrier emergency housing and facilities, and consider means to streamline processes for zoning and/or General Plan Amendment(s) when possible;

WHEREAS, once the MOU is in place, the County and the Cities can more effectively address joint plans, share resources, and develop separate agreements to jointly fund and operate shelter facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it to be in the City's best interest to approve the MOU between the County and the Cities, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the MOU, or such other suitable instrument consistent with the MOU, in any event, with such changes as may be deemed necessary by the City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MESA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are the findings of the City Council.
2. The City Council hereby approves the terms of the MOU among the Cities and the County. The City Council hereby also approves such instrument approved by the parties and finally adopted to incorporate the terms of the MOU, if necessary.
3. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or such person as is designated by the City Manager, to execute the MOU, or any other suitable instrument consistent with the MOU, with any such changes and refinements as may be necessary and approved by the City Manager.
4. The City Manager, or such person as is designated by the City Manager, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any subsequent amendments to the MOU, or such other suitable instrument consistent with the MOU, as selected by the parties, as well as such other documents necessary to address the Goal, as may be approved by the City Manager, on behalf of the City of La Mesa.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mesa, California, held the 10th day of May 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, MEGAN WIEGELMAN, the City Clerk of the City of La Mesa, California do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2022-__, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City on the date and by the vote therein recited.

MEGAN WIEGELMAN, CMC, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)