

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION No. 4

For Planning Commission Agenda of:
July 11, 2019

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Attached for the Planning Commission's record and review are the following supplementary information items:

1. Revised language for H-IM7 "Implement the Martin Slough Interceptor (MSI) Project, and Initiate Specific Actions if the Project is Canceled" to replace the language for this measure contained in Attachment 3, page 8-22.
2. Comment letter and materials from Sandra Warshaw, received via email July 9, 2019.
3. Comment letter from Janelle Egger, received via email July 10, 2019

1. It is recommended by staff, that the Planning Commission recommend adoption of the following revised language for H-IM7 "Implement the Martin Slough Interceptor (MSI) Project, and Initiate Specific Actions if the Project is Canceled" to replace the language for this measure contained in Attachment 3, page 8-22:

H-IM7. Implement the Martin Slough Interceptor (MSI) Project, and Initiate Specific Actions if the Project is Canceled. The County is in the process of ~~developing and implementing~~ adopting a traffic impact fee in conjunction with the City of Eureka that is consistent with the requirements of the certified Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the MSI project. If the County and City ~~has~~ve not ~~implemented~~ adopted the measure by July 1 December 31, 2020~~19~~, the Planning and Building Department shall bring forward a program to either amend the project EIR or take other actions to ~~meet~~ address the requirements of the traffic impact mitigation measures for consideration by the Board of Supervisors and City Council. If the traffic mitigation has not been ~~completed~~ addressed in a manner that will permit sewer service connection of development of the land inventory at densities consistent with multi-family housing by December 31, 2020~~19~~ the County shall replace the loss of inventory in the area served by the Martin Slough Interceptor on a one-for-one basis by rezoning qualified properties in other areas as needed to meet the RHNA for lower-income households. Replacement of lots in the Affordable Housing Land Inventory shall meet all the criteria of the Affordable Housing Land Inventory. Rezoning shall be completed by December 31, 2022. Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Department. Timeframe: By July December 31, 2022.

Sandra Warshaw
July 9, 2019

Recommended segment for housing element.

(Others segments included in second email as potential additions)

The County will generate community-wide urgency to respond to the shelter crisis documented by the Coroner's report of 26 homeless deaths from July 1 to April 30, 2019.

The response will be based on the standard established by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) which recognizes the urgent need for people without homes "to find shelter immediately to avoid health hazards associated with lack of protection from the weather, access to sanitary facilities, and places to sleep and eat."

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/IB2018-01.pdf>

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BACKGROUND

Dear Mary,

While I previously focused on tiny house villages for the homeless, it grew from my overwhelming concern for fellow citizens still without shelter because of gaps in current programs.

Why write now? Have only recently had a chance to talk with people outside (after not being able to do so for health reasons). So many stories that would break your heart and inspire you because of the strength it takes to endure the harsh conditions outside.

Their lives are irrefutable evidence of the importance of the housing element as a document that can be a powerful resource for improving the lives of the unsheltered. Share the following as one example.

Met one man pushing a cart accompanied by his girl friend's dog who showed me how his left arm was no longer functional because injured in an industrial accident. And he had lost a finger due to a splinter because he delayed medical care until it had to be amputated. But he told me he urgently wanted a job. Plus he needed a safe place where he could get his life together. And when asked what I should suggest to those in power to make a difference, he actually volunteered that he'd like to see a number of tiny house villages.

And the list goes on...regarding the harsh life he and others endure. Suicide is often mentioned as an option considered as best solution. One told me he tried twice. Stealing. Violence. Not to mention the demonization and scapegoating and criminalization of homelessness

So, please know I DEEPLY admire the work of the current housing element. It's a very very very impressive document.

And it includes many of the elements needed for long-term solutions...but it does not yet provide the urgency required to address the immediate shelter needs of those suffering from the current shelter crisis.

And then to actually receive the coroner's report...which documents the 26 recent deaths of homeless within 10 months...(attached)

So, have felt it's impossible to be silent because I have sensed that you and other staff deeply care about the plight of our homeless and may even welcome language that may hopefully be helpful in modelling our approach on other communities with housing crisis declarations...to intensify our focus and ingenuity to bring to fruition projects ready-to-go that can begin to provide the kinds of welcoming programs the people I meet tell me they want and need.

(Have attached photo of one of AHHA's tiny homes.)

Again...important to note...not a member of AHHA...so not speaking for them...but for urgency for solutions they've been developing and their advocacy for filling gap in program (among other issues)

AHHA Tiny Home at Arts Alive

Eureka, CA
September 1, 2018



County of Humboldt Log of Deaths Investigated by Coroner 01/01/2019 through 04/30/2019

Date	Name	AGE	Sex	Manner	REMARKS/CAUSE of DEATH	TRANSIENT
1/1/2019	LEFFLER, William	32	M	ACC OD	ETHANOL AND HEROIN INTOXICATION	Y
1/22/2019	KANGAS, Aaron	56	M	MVA	MASSIVE EXTENSIVE BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA due to PEDESTRIAN VERSUS MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION	Y
2/2/2019	METREVELL, Laurie	53	F	ACCID OD	Combined methamphetamine & morphine toxicity	Y
2/5/2019	FRISBEE, Carl	52	M	ACCID OD	Heroin Toxicity	Y
2/13/2019	WAGNER, Frank	62	M	NAT	Acute Myocardial Infarction due to Coronary Artery Thrombus due to Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	Y
2/15/2019	ALLEN, James	44	M	SUI	Combined toxicity of 3 prescription drugs + Methamphetamine + Ethanol	Y
2/19/2019	LUCE, Dennie	56	M	NAT	COPD WITH ACUTE EXACERBATIONS AND HYPOXIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE	Y
2/24/2019	WILLETT, Michael	51	M	ACC OD	Combined drug toxicity	Y
3/3/2019	FORSYTHE, Ron	58	M	NAT	Complications of Alcoholism	Y
3/18/2019	WILSON, John	53	M	ACC OD	Acute Heroin Overdose	Y

County of Humboldt Log of Deaths Investigated by Coroner 06/01/2018 through 12/31/2019

6/22/2018	GOODWIN, Demetrious	44	M	NAT/Alcohol	COMPLICATIONS OF LIVER CIRRHOSIS/ ALCOHOLISM	Y
7/11/2018	ELLIS, Mark	47	M	ACC OD	COMBINED MORPHINE, METHAMPHETAMINE AND ETHANOL INTOXICATION	Y
7/13/2018	WOODEN, David James	66	M	NAT	VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION due to PROBABLE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION	Y
8/4/2018	SEVERNS, Raymond	29	M	TC	EXTENSIVE BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA OF HEAD, NECK, AND TRUNK; PEDESTRIAN VS. MOTOR VEHICLE	Y
8/5/2018	MARTIN, James	48	M	NAT	UPPER GASTRAL INTESTINAL BLEED WITH HYPOVOLEMIA; METHAMPHETAMINE INTOXICATION	Y
8/7/2018	MAYS-REVELES, Debra	60	F	NAT	ACUTE CORONARY ARTERY THROMBOSIS; ARTERIOSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	Y
8/27/2018	WALKER, Cody	32	M	NAT	PULMONARY EMBOLISM	Y
9/16/2018	CHRISTIE, Daniel	43	M	ACC OD	CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING; METHAMPHETAMINE AND ETHANOL INTOXICATION	Y
9/24/2018	PALUMBO, Alfred	63	M	NAT	ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION; CORONARY ARTERY THROMBOSIS	Y
11/2/2018	GREER, Steven	50	M	MVA	BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA OF HEAD, CHEST, AND EXTREMITIES MVA	Y
11/21/2018	ELIASON, Corinne	36	F	NAT	UPPER GASTRAL INTESTINAL BLEED; GASTRIC ULCER	Y
11/22/2018	SILVEIRA, Chris	46	M	NAT	PERICARDIAL TAMPONADE; DISSECTING AORTA ANEURYSM	Y
11/25/2018	BENTJEN, Gary	59	M	NAT	SUDDEN DEATH due to CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE, UNKNOWN CAUSE	Y
12/3/2018	JEALOUS OF HIM, Debra	56	F	NAT	UPPER GASTRIC INTESTINAL BLEED, ACUTE ON CHRONIC	Y
12/11/2018	NORTON, Paul	58	M	NAT	ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION due to HYPERTENSIVE AND ATHEROSCLEROTIC HEART DISEASE	Y
12/14/2018	POHL, Michael K.	29	M	ACC	MULTIPLE CRUSH-TYPE BLUNT IMPACT INJURIES due to RUN OVER BY MOTOR VEHICLE	Y

July 7, 2019

Dear Planning Commission,

I write in regards to the County's 2019 Housing Element. It was a pleasure to see the County's continued commitment to the Housing First approach in this policy:

H-P46. Housing First. The County shall continue to support the Housing First approach for reducing homelessness as adopted by Board of Supervisors Resolution 16-30 on March 31, 2016.

Resolution 16-30 also adopted the *Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan phase 1* and "FURTHER RESOLVED that the County, Department of Health and Human Services and the City shall work collaboratively with the community to create a sustainable strategy and human infrastructure to implement the Housing First Approach."

The draft 2019 Housing Element refers to the "County's adopted Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness." While the 2014 Housing Element indicates a Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness was adopted in 2009, a County website search did not find the 2009 or a more recent Ten-Year Plan. The website search found the Grand Jury Report, *Homelessness in Humboldt County*, which states the development of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness is an accomplishment of the Humboldt County Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC). The HHHC is not a Humboldt County commission, committee, or board. It is a very hard working, useful community organization.

With this information in mind I request the following two changes:

I ask that Standard H-S7 be amended to reflect that the Board adopted plan is the *Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan phase 1* and amended to include Board adopted language:

H-S7. ~~Ten-Year Plan to END Homelessness~~ Resolution 16-30, the Joint Resolution of the City Council of the City of Eureka and the County of Humboldt to Collaborate on Reducing Homelessness. The County's adopted ~~Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness~~ Resolution 16-30 ~~will~~ shall guide the County's efforts to address the housing and service needs of the homeless, and "at risk of homelessness" populations. County staff shall continue to work collaboratively with the community to create a sustainable strategy and human infrastructure to implement the Housing First Approach.

Next, to (A) reflect the need for update of the Board adopted plan and (B) continue implementation of the Housing First approach, I ask that Implementation Measure H-IM11 be amended per this proposed H-IM11. To see as edits to the staff proposed language, see Edits to H-IM11 attached to this letter.

H-IM11. The Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan phase 1.

- A. The Planning and Building Department shall collaborate with the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC) and the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate a review of the HHHC Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and to complete an update of the Board adopted *Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan phase 1*. The process shall invite and include input from other relevant local groups and members of the community. The process may include, but is not limited to:
- a.) Review current practices and assess conformity to Housing First approach.
 - b.) As separation of housing and services is a key component of the Housing First approach, consider focusing Housing Trust Fund Homelessness Solutions Committee

on housing development/management and focusing Humboldt Housing & Homeless Coalition on supportive services.

c.) Consider master leasing for scattered site rental housing with offsite supportive services.

d.) Review of the collaboration between on-site supportive services in existing facilities and the County, Eureka, other community supportive services to identify possible service overlap or weaknesses, and the potential for increased collaboration.

Responsible Agency: Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition, Planning and Building Department and Department of Health and Human Services. Timeframe: by June 1, 2020

- B. The County shall actively support the implementation of the Housing First Approach guided by the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan and future updates. The Planning and Building Department shall collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC), and the community to facilitate implementation of the strategies specified in the plan for increasing short term and long term access to stable and affordable housing for people experiencing homeless or most at risk of homelessness. Responsible Agency: Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition, Planning and Building Department and Department of Health and Human Services. Timeframe: Ongoing.

In 2018 the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 18-15, a Resolution of the County of Humboldt Declaring the Existence of a Shelter Crisis in Accordance with Government Code Sections 8698-8698. In the Resolution the Board declared “that a shelter crisis exists in the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County, and shall continue until terminated by the Board.” It was adopted on February 27, 2018.

I suggest and request that a Policy be added to address the immediate need for places to live, for example:

H-__. **Use of Shelter Crisis Declaration.** In Resolution 18-15 the Board of Supervisors declared pursuant to Government Code section 8698 through 8698.2 that a shelter crisis exists in the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County, and shall continue until terminated by the Board. The County shall use the temporary immunity from liability for ordinary negligence and the temporary suspension of standards of housing, health, or safety while ensuring minimal public health and safety under the Government Code to provide emergency housing alternatives. Housing alternatives shall operate under the Housing First approach adopted by Board of Supervisors Resolution 16-30.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to staff, the Planning Commission and other members of the community for their on this Housing Element.

Sincerely,

Janelle Egger
Fortuna resident

Edits to H-IM11.

To (A) reflect the need for update of the Board adopted plan and (B) continue implementation of the Housing First approach, I ask that Implementation Measure H-IM11 be amended as follows.

Blue font indicates jae edits to DRAFT 2019 Housing Element

H-IM11. The Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan phase 1.

- A. ~~The County shall actively support the implementation measures outlined in the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and plan updates. The County shall actively support the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan, and adopted updates to those plans. The Planning and Building Department shall collaborate with the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC) and the Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate a review of the HHHC Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness and an update of the Board adopted Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan phase 1. The process shall invite and include other relevant local agencies and the community. The process may include: implementation of the strategies specified in both plans for increasing access to stable and affordable housing for people experiencing homeless or most at risk of~~
- a.) Review current practices and assess conformity to Housing First approach.
 - b.) As separation of housing and services is a key component of the Housing First approach, consider focusing Housing Trust Fund Homelessness Solutions Committee on housing development/management and focusing Humboldt Housing & Homeless Coalition on supportive services.
 - c.) Consider master leasing for scattered site rental housing with offsite supportive services.
 - d.) Review of the collaboration between on-site supportive services in existing facilities and the County, Eureka, other community supportive services to identify possible service overlap or weaknesses, and the potential for increased collaboration.
 - e.) Establish timeframe for future review and update.

Responsible Agency: Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition, Planning and Building Department and Department of Health and Human Services. Timeframe: by June 1, 2020

- B. The County shall actively support the implementation of the Housing First Approach guided by the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan and future updates. The Planning and Building Department shall collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC), and the community to facilitate implementation of strategies specified in the plan for increasing short term and long term access to stable and affordable housing for people experiencing homeless or most at risk of homelessness. Responsible Agency: Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition, Planning and Building Department and Department of Health and Human Services. Timeframe: Ongoing.