



# CITY OF HAYWARD

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**TO:** Homelessness-Housing Task Force

**FROM:** Deputy City Manager

### **SUBJECT**

Update on City of Hayward Homelessness Efforts Including Soliciting Input to Inform the Development of the Homelessness Reduction Strategic Plan

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Homelessness-Housing Task Force (HHTF) reviews and provides comments on this report and provides input to inform the development of the Homelessness Reduction Strategic Plan.

### **SUMMARY**

Homelessness is a growing regional and state-wide crisis, with homelessness in Hayward increasing 23% from 2017 to 2019. While the City Council has long identified homelessness, housing affordability, and eviction prevention as key concerns in the community and have supported local efforts and projects to address these issues, the global COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these issues and created a more acute need for increased homelessness response and intervention, particularly for individuals with increased vulnerabilities. As a result, the City is taking additional measures to address this growing need. Additionally, the City has contracted with Homebase, a highly qualified strategic planning consultant, to develop a five-year homelessness reduction strategic plan that will help the City create a path for ending homelessness in Hayward and align the City's efforts with those occurring at the regional and State levels. This report provides an update on the development of that plan, solicits feedback and input from the HHTF members to inform that plan, and provides other important updates on the City's efforts to address homelessness, particularly in light of the increased risks of COVID-19.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I Staff Report