



CITY OF HAYWARD

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Development Services Director

SUBJECT

Covenant House California: Adopt a Resolution to Extend Resolutions 18-027 and 19-014, Declaring a Shelter Crisis in the City of Hayward Until December 31, 2021, and to Authorize the City Manager to Take Emergency Actions to Allow for the Construction of a 30-Bed Transitional Age Youth Shelter on a Portion of Hayward Unified School District Property Located at 27211 Tyrrell Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) to take emergency actions to allow for the construction of a 30-bed Transitional Age Youth Shelter on a portion of Hayward Unified School District property to address the homeless shelter crisis in the City of Hayward by extending Resolutions 18-027 and 19-014, extending the shelter crisis until December 31, 2021 and suspending all land use and zoning regulations (not health and safety regulations) in order to expedite the implementation of the shelter.

SUMMARY

The City of Hayward is experiencing a homeless shelter emergency. According to the 2019 Point-in-Time Count, there are 487 homeless individuals in Hayward, of whom 76% (372) are unsheltered. Even more alarming is the data regarding the subpopulations, which show that 93% of Transitional Age Youth experiencing homelessness are unsheltered.

Covenant House California (CHC), a non-profit corporation, strives to provide youth experiencing homelessness with shelter, food, clothing, education and most importantly love. They currently operate facilities in other parts of the State, including locally in both Oakland and Berkeley. Due to the need and a lack of such services in the southern part of Alameda County, CHC has been looking to find a location to operate a facility to meet these needs. CHC recently entered into a 10-year lease with Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) for use of approximately one acre of the site at 27211 Tyrrell Avenue to establish a youth shelter. Alameda County is proposing to assist financially with the use of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds and CHC is now looking for permitting assistance from the City of Hayward in order to meet project and financial deadlines.

ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment I | Staff Report |
| Attachment II | Resolution |
| Attachment III | Plans |
| Attachment IV | Photos of Existing Facilities |
| Attachment V | FY 2020 Covenant House CA Bay Area Impact Report |