



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 01/06/2017

Approved

Date

1-6-17

SUBJECT: CONFORMING REZONING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 278 NORTH 2ND STREET

RECOMMENDATION

Approve recommendations as outlined in the Planning Commission memorandum to the City Council dated December 15, 2016, to adopt a resolution approving the Addendum in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and approve the proposed Rezoning and Conditional Use Permit for a residential service facility at 278 North 2nd Street.

BACKGROUND

In February 2015, Council endorsed the Destination: Home Community Plan to End Homelessness, prioritizing permanent supportive housing. In 2015-16, Council approved over \$38 million to create over 750 affordable housing opportunities. The Villas on the Park project is in complete alignment with the Community Plan, increasing the supply of permanent supportive housing, and will be developed in collaboration with the County of Santa Clara, developer Affirmed Housing and service provider PATH San Jose.

PATH brings an innovative model to address homelessness beyond building mere units. Their Homeless Street Outreach program focuses on building relationships in the nearby community, providing trusted advice, resources, and referrals to services. Moreover, PATH hires formerly homeless to further ensure long-term success. The combination of PATH's community-based approach and the site's proximity to St. James Park and transit, uniquely positions the site to support our local and regional homeless population. We thank the Housing Department, PATH San Jose, and Affirmed Housing for their commitment to serving our chronically homeless.

PATH San Jose and Affirmed Housing have established a proven track record of success in cities throughout California. We look forward to similar results at 278 North 2nd Street in San José.