

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE APPROVING REVISED SITING CRITERIA FOR BRIDGE HOUSING COMMUNITIES (BHCs) AND REDUCING THE NUMBER OF BHCs FROM TEN SITES TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2016, AB 2176 was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown, and effective January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, AB 2176 amends the Shelter Crisis Act to authorize a five-year pilot program allowing the City of San José (%City+), upon a declaration of a shelter crisis, to create Bridge Housing Communities (%BHCs+) for the homeless. This includes temporary housing in new or existing structures on City-owned or City-leased property; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016, the City's Housing Department provided the City Council with an information memo regarding the Work Plan for implementing AB2176, wherein staff indicated that the Housing Department would pursue a series of actions to design and implement the BHC model; and

WHEREAS, Council's direction was to identify one BHC site in each district, but despite progress with both the design process and the competitive selection of a developer and operator, the identification of viable sites for BHCs remains a considerable challenge for City staff; and

WHEREAS, the BHC providers selected through the City's RFQ process have indicated that the opening and operation of ten sites across the City at the same time could pose

significant planning and staffing issues for their organizations, and ramping up to fully build out and develop all locations simultaneously, coupled with the case management, security, and infrastructure needs of each site, would require significant upfront operating capital and the hiring of a number of new employees for organizations engaged in the work; and

WHEREAS, new siting criteria, included in a July 27, 2017 Information memorandum attempt to respond to neighborhood concerns and to provide buffering and separation for the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that Council accept the revised siting criteria and reduce the number of BHCs from ten sites to a maximum of two locations, providing for a pilot project to allow the City to assess annual operating costs, review potential impacts, study the programmatic effectiveness, and allowing a small cohort of participants to test the livability of the newly designed sleeping cabins in an effort to ensure that the structures are durable and meet the various needs of the residents and the surrounding community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

Revised siting criteria for BHCs are approved, and the number of BHCs is reduced from ten sites to a maximum of two locations.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk