



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Tam Nguyen

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 28, 2017

Approved:

Date:

8.28.17

SUBJECT: ACTIONS RELATED TO THE AB 2176: BRIDGE HOUSING COMMUNITIES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve staff recommendations (a) and (b), Item 4.2.
2. Direct staff to host public forums to receive input from the community, including possible suggestions to homeless housing solution.

DISCUSSION:

The public perception and response to the Bridge Housing topic demonstrated a need to address the issue of listening to the community and engaging them as part of the solution(s). Our neighborhoods have expressed concerns that they have not been allowed to play a part in identifying solutions. While we agree that bridge housing will help achieve the goal of homeless housing, albeit temporary while waiting for more permanent housing, but the approach to the process may need to be opened for public participation so they can be part of the solution too. We, therefore, must seek an approach that fosters greater participation earlier in the process and allows our community to feel that their voices are truly being heard.