



Agenda Item No. _____

File Code No. 660.04

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 13, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Councilmembers Falcone and Schneider

SUBJECT: Request From Councilmembers Falcone And Schneider For Community Concerns Regarding Access To Homeless Shelter Services And Related Neighborhood Impacts

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council discuss developing a structure to address a short-term and long-term action plan that would limit and mitigate problems associated with homelessness within the City of Santa Barbara.

DISCUSSION:

Attached is a Memorandum from Councilmembers Falcone and Schneider requesting that an item be placed on the Agenda regarding community concerns on access to homeless shelter services and related neighborhood impacts.

ATTACHMENT(S): Memorandum Dated May 6, 2008, from Councilmembers Falcone and Schneider

SUBMITTED BY: James L. Armstrong, City Administrator

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office



City of Santa Barbara
Mayor and Council Office

Memorandum

DATE: May 6, 2008

TO: Jim Armstrong, City Administrator

FROM: Councilmember Iya Falcone
Councilmember Helene Schneider

SUBJECT: Community concerns regarding access to homeless shelter services and related neighborhood impacts

Pursuant to Council Resolution 05-073 regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda regarding community concerns on access to homeless shelter services and related neighborhood impacts.

- Summary of information to be presented:

Discussion of developing a structure to address a short-term and long-term action plan that would limit and mitigate problems associated with homelessness within the City of Santa Barbara.

- Statement of Specific Action:

Councilmember's Iya Falcone and Helene Schneider request the following topics to be discussed by the full Council in one agenda item, to be placed on the council agenda at the earliest possible time. The issues for discussion are:

- Should the Council create a forum (such as an interdepartmental ad-hoc committee or task force) to develop a short-term and long-term action plan that would limit and mitigate problems associated with homelessness within the City of Santa Barbara? Topics of discussion could include the following:
 - The Milpas Action Task Force recommendations, including the concept of a "Recovery Zone" or "Alcohol Impact Zone";
 - Strategies to address the social problems associated with panhandling;
 - Law enforcement concerns to homeless-related calls for service;
 - Strategies to utilize current shelter services, such as those provided at Casa Esperanza, that would most effectively assist the most vulnerable homeless populations, such as the medically fragile, people with disabilities and women;
 - Financial and legislative resource opportunities and challenges.
- Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Requested Action:

This is appropriate to the City of Santa Barbara as it affects the residents of our city.

cc: Mayor and Council
City Attorney
Community Development Director
Police Chief