

RESOLUTION 2025-###

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO PROVIDE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY, LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF FORDHAM STREET AND EL PORTAL DRIVE, COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL NO. 416-102-007

WHEREAS, this proposed action is not a project as defined by CEQA;

WHEREAS, Improve Public Safety is one of the top City Council priorities listed in the FY 2025-27 City of San Pablo City Council Priority Workplan, effective April 7, 2025;

WHEREAS, the City of San Pablo has prioritized addressing homelessness in our community;

WHEREAS, in 2022, the San Pablo Police Department established the Priority Oriented Policing (POP) Unit to tackle homelessness and blight issues and strengthen community relations. Within this unit, the Crisis Response Team (CRT) was formed specifically to support individuals experiencing homelessness and/or mental health crises. CRT works closely with San Pablo's Code Enforcement Division to coordinate efforts addressing homelessness and blight;

WHEREAS, as a result of this collaboration, the City has achieved a 30% reduction in homelessness for two consecutive years;

WHEREAS, in 2018, the City partnered with Contra Costa County's Health, Housing, and Homeless Services (H3) to launch contract services for the Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement (CORE) homeless outreach program;

WHEREAS, the successful outcomes in San Pablo can be primarily attributed to the strong coordination among CRT, CORE, and Code Enforcement teams;

WHEREAS, one ongoing challenge is a parcel of Contra Costa County-owned land located along the south curb line of El Portal Drive, just west of the intersection with Fordham Street (Assessor's Parcel No. 416-102-007). This site has become a frequent location for illegal encampments, excessive trash accumulation visible from the road, and fire hazards caused by warming fires in dense vegetation;

WHEREAS, given the demonstrated success of San Pablo's CRT and its partner agencies, City staff believe San Pablo is better positioned to manage homelessness and blight issues at this location;

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City enter into an agreement with Contra

Costa County to assume responsibility for code enforcement and homeless outreach services on this county-owned parcel;

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County would retain responsibility for the property's general maintenance and upkeep costs;

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2025, staff presented the proposal to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Contra Costa County to provide code enforcement and homeless services for county property (Parcel #416-102-007) to the Public Safety Standing Committee (Vice Mayor Pabon-Alvarado & Councilmember Xavier); and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the presentation, the committee recommended that this item be forwarded to the San Pablo City Council for formal approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo hereby authorizes the City Manager, on behalf of the City of San Pablo, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Contra Costa County to provide code enforcement and homeless outreach services to county parcel No. 416-102-007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.

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ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2025, by the following votes:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Arturo Cruz, Mayor