

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: Housing First Resolution

Meeting Date: April 25, 2016
Department: City Manager's Office
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Agenda Item Number: 3
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The council can choose to act on a resolution establishing the City of Eugene's commitment to the Housing First model.

BACKGROUND

In December of 2015, the City Council held a joint work session on homelessness with the Human Rights Commission. The commission presented three policy principles for consideration, one of which involved the City of Eugene's commitment to the Housing First model. The council passed a motion directing the City Manager to return with a resolution declaring the City of Eugene's commitment to a Housing First model. The proposed resolution is attached and has been drafted with consideration of comments and suggestions from the Human Rights Commission which are also attached.

Housing First is a strategy that helps people experiencing homelessness enter into permanent housing with no preconditions and offers support services that people can access at their discretion. The Housing First model is supported by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and widely recognized as an effective means to reduce homelessness by providing permanent housing.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Council Resolution No. 5142 declaring the urgency of the housing and homelessness crisis.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council can approve or not approve the resolution.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends the Council adopt the resolution.

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

Move to adopt Resolution 5153, in support of the Housing First strategy.

ATTACHMENT

- A. Proposed Housing First Resolution
- B. Council Resolution No. 5142
- C. Comments from the Human Rights Commission

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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