

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGE OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THE ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUNDING GRANT AWARD OF \$2,085,216 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO FUND OUTREACH, HOUSING OPTIONS, SERVICES RESULTING IN ENCAMPMENT CLOSURE, RESTORATION OF THE SITE FOR PUBLIC USE AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS WITHOUT FURTHER CITY COUNCIL ACTION

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2021, the California Interagency on Homelessness released the Encampment Resolution Funding (“ERF”) Program Request for Applications (“Request for Application”), a program funds local demonstration projects that help people who live in encampments transition to safe, stable housing that will result in restoring public spaces to their intended design and use; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Request for Applications sought projects that exhibit innovative service delivery models and cross-systems collaboration leading to meaningful paths to safe and stable housing while using non-punitive, low barrier, person-centered, Housing first approaches that could be replicated across the State; and

WHEREAS, the goal of ERF is to transition individuals to permanent housing and restore the trail for public use; and

WHEREAS, the City of San José (“City”) Housing Department coordinate with the Mayor’s Office and submitted an application on December 23, 2021 which on April 8, 2022, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness gave notice of their intent to award funds to the City; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2022, the Housing Department received the award of \$2,085,216 to fund the proposed collaborative program, Safe Encampment Resolution (“SER”), a human-centered program that will save lives and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the San José residents experiencing homelessness that will operate under a social-service delivery framework that prioritizes collaborative partnerships with a multidisciplinary team of nonprofit community partners experienced in street outreach, housing, and trauma-informed care; and

WHEREAS, together, these subject matter experts will offer services and housing to individuals experiencing homelessness at the encampment in the project area in downtown San José approximately two miles along the Guadalupe River Trail and enveloped within Guadalupe River Park, involving two sections to be funded by two different sources; and

WHEREAS, section one, the ERF State grant award covers the area between Woz Way and Julian Street where in December 2021, a team of outreach worker counted 100 individuals experiencing homelessness in this section; and

WHEREAS, the team will work exclusively along the target trail with the goal to transition every occupant into permanent housing or an interim shelter placement; and

WHEREAS, after individuals have been transitioned off the trail, the SER program will provide regular assessment and activation of the space to ensure it remains clear and accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, approval and acceptance of the ERF grant award and authorization of the related grant agreements will serve 100 individuals who reside at an encampment in downtown San José along the Guadalupe River Trail from approximately Woz Way

north to Santa Clara Street, as set forth in the Memorandum from the Housing Department dated as September 26, 2022;

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

The City Manager or designee, is hereby authorized, to accept the Encampment Resolution Funding grant award of \$2,085,216 from the State of California to fund outreach, housing options, services resulting in encampment closure, restoration of the site for public use and negotiate and execute related documents to accept grant funds without further City Council action.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk