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#### Impact Information

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Council File Number: 20-1179

Agenda Date: 11/12/2020

Item Number: 6b

Summary: Support of Feasibility Study to Convert Hollywood Recreation Center (1122 Cole Avenue) into Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness

CF 20-1179

1122 Cole Avenue / Hollywood Recreation Center / Feasibility / Interim Housing / Persons Experiencing Homelessness / Council District 13

The Atwater Village Neighborhood Council is in full support of Council File 20-1179. As stated in the Council File, CD-13 experienced a rise in homelessness of more than 20% since the 2019 Point-In-Time Homeless Count despite more than 22,000 people county-wide being moved into permanent housing in that same time period. The obvious answer to our homelessness crisis is to build more housing, but since the process of approving and building permanent supportive housing sites has been made long and arduous, we must look to convert existing structures into both permanent housing and interim housing sites. This process is much quicker and can yield more efficient results than permitting and constructing new structures.

Recreation centers that are unable to fulfill their original purpose due to the COVID-19 pandemic are natural locations to be converted into interim housing sites. Completing the feasibility study to convert the Hollywood Recreation Center within 30 days will set a much needed precedent for the speed at which these types of projects should adhere.

For too long we have allowed our most vulnerable neighbors to suffer on the streets, it is imperative that we move quickly to study and convert as many available structures as possible into housing. We hope that this is the first of many such projects that are greatly needed to reduce the human suffering our leaders have allowed.