

10/26/2020

RESOLUTION NO. M-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION approving the formation of a joint policy advisory group to foster alignment and support of Clark County as the lead agency on regional homeless response and collaborate on projects and initiatives that will address homelessness and its impacts within the county; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to memorialize the City's participation in the same.

WHEREAS, homelessness is a serious problem in Clark County, the number of people experiencing homelessness is increasing, and the capacity of the current system to house and meet the basic needs of those who are experiencing homelessness is inadequate; and

WHEREAS, the 1989, Council on Homeless, Intergovernmental Agreement observed that, “[n]o single governmental jurisdiction or entity could resolve the problem of homelessness. Homelessness is caused by a complex set of programs which cannot be effectively addressed by isolated or fragmented efforts,” and this statement remains true in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Clark County and the City of Vancouver desire to establish a joint policy advisory group (“Group”) to establish and foster alignment in support of the County as the lead agency on regional homeless response and increase collaboration on projects and initiatives that will address homelessness and its impacts in Clark County.

**RESOLUTION - 1**

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. The Vancouver City Council hereby approves of the formation of a joint policy advisory group to foster alignment and support of Clark County as the lead agency on regional homeless response, and collaborate on projects and initiatives that address homelessness and its impacts within Clark County, Washington.

Section 2. The Vancouver City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to execute an appropriate Memorandum of Agreement, Charter, and such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to memorialize the City's participation in the joint policy advisory group.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council this 26th day of October, 2020.

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Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Jonathan Young, City Attorney

**RESOLUTION - 2**