

Attachment A



City of Phoenix

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Issues surrounding Affordable Housing and Homelessness in Phoenix are reaching crisis proportions. Unless major action is taken, immediately, the intersection between rising housing costs, Covid-related job losses, and limited sheltering and service options for our homeless population will overwhelm the resources Phoenix currently has committed, or will be able to commit, to addressing these issues on our own.

For years, the City of Phoenix and our residents have stepped up to provide funding and resources that have not been matched by the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, or the other cities throughout the Valley. The scope and urgency of the problem has long since outgrown our ability to manage it on our own. Therefore, we hereby request that an 8-hour rule item be placed on the Formal Meeting Agenda on October 21, 2020 directing City of Phoenix staff to pursue Intergovernmental Agreements in the following areas as part of our strategy to effectively address issues related to rising housing costs, our homeless population, and the safety and security of our neighborhoods.

1. Secure a dedicated cost sharing agreement, based on total population or some other appropriate measure, to ensure the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, and all the other cities around the Valley are contributing their fair share towards addressing these issues, and to create a reliable, dedicated funding source to provide support for our combined efforts.
2. Explore and fully analyze costs and opportunities associated with purchasing and re-opening St. Luke's hospital on Van Buren as a centralized service location providing a full range of medical, behavioral, and mental health treatment programs for individuals experiencing homelessness and others in need; to include potential agreements with the State of Arizona or Maricopa County for management of such a facility.
3. Initiate a process to map out and plan for Valley-wide geographic dispersion of additional shelter options to alleviate focused localized impacts.

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