

CM Kitchen DIRECTION- Passed

RATIONALE:

People need a place to live.

If Austin is going to address homelessness, the long-term answer is that people need a safe, healthy place to live. No person should have to live under a highway. That's not good for anyone, it's not good for our neighborhoods and it's not good for Austin

Facts on a Housing-Focused Shelter:

- Services are provided for 100% of the people living at the center, tailored to their needs
- Services are geared to allow self-sufficiency and meet daily living needs
- This is not a drop-in center; services are only available for people while staying at the center
- Individuals not staying at the center are not allowed to gather outside
- People are referred by agencies serving homeless individuals, with the goal of providing a shelter for people staying in nearby encampments
- There is no drop-in services and no intake location

Our community has a critical need for this new kind of shelter that is designed and managed to help homeless individuals get a real chance to find a permanent home.

But it also has to work for our community. That's why restrictions need to be placed on the property, including securing the property, not allowing camping, limits of no more than 100 beds, and services only for people living there. The vision and plan is to pilot a new kind of shelter that serves as a community asset, offering people an alternative to living under highways and in greenbelts.

DIRECTION:

Additional Council Direction related to provision of shelter and support services to those experiencing homelessness through purchase in fee simple of a property at 1112 West Ben White Boulevard.

Staff shall bring back for Council approval an enforceable legal instrument which applies the restrictions necessary to the property and its operation for achieving the purposes of providing housing-focused shelter and services according to best practices and of being a good neighbor.

Through consultation with the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) and public input over the next 60 days, the legal instrument shall establish terms of operational safety and effectiveness, including but not limited to:

- not exceeding 100 beds at the center
- prohibition of drop-ins
- provision of day services being available only to individuals residing at the center
- prohibition of camping
- measures that secure the property
- other measures necessary for best practice operations