GATEWAY CENTER
Community Input Session
WELCOME & THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!
VOTER MANDATE

In November 2019, a broad majority of voters approved $14 million in General Obligation Bond funding to build a new homeless center.
GATEWAY CENTER

- Provide emergency shelter to women, men and children
- Gateway to services and permanent housing
- Open 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Low-barrier
- Address common obstacles to shelter
WHY A NEW GATEWAY CENTER?

• Provide safety and dignity
• Big front door, open 24/7, that connects people to services and permanent housing
• Alternative to emergency room and jail for first responders
The Current System
(August 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019)

242-COPS
9-1-1

AFR Response
16,598 calls

Engine + Ambulance
15,346 calls
Est. Cost: $94 per call

BLS
1,261 calls
Est. Cost: $56 per call

APD Response
1,374 calls

2 Units
1,374 calls
Est. Cost: $84 per hour

Hospital ER

$1.7 million to send
6,952 people to the ER.
+ $13.9 million in ER
expenses.
Only 110 had life-
threatening conditions.

10,195 “ghost calls” cost
nearly $1 million.

19 people arrested.

Zero transports to social
services.
LACK OF CENTRALIZED 24/7 CENTER CONNECTED TO PARTNERS

MANY Strong PARTNERS
MYTHS AND FACTS

MYTH: The City wants to get into the shelter business and will run the new shelter.

FACT: City will contract with existing local provider(s), just like we do now.
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MYTH: The City plans to stop funding other homeless programs and initiatives.

FACT: The Gateway Center will be integrated into existing system of services; meant to be a “gateway” to existing system.
MYTHS AND FACTS

MYTH: A site has been selected.

FACT: A site has not been selected.
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**MYTH:** The City does not have a plan for homelessness.

**FACT:** The City has developed and shared several core documents that identify challenges, gaps and high impact solutions (available on our website).
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**MYTH:** The City is abandoning smaller, dispersed shelter model in favor of monolith approach.

**FACT:** We already have a dispersed shelter model. This adds another facility to that system that addresses key needs.
MYTHS AND FACTS

MYTH: The City has already made all the design decisions.

FACT: Design is not final. We are open to a campus model, multiple sites and utilizing the Westside Emergency Housing Center in specialized capacity.
PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

• Need to make a real impact with $14 million
• Cost of land
• Cost of 24/7 operation
• Have to start to somewhere
NEXT STEPS & TIMELINE FOR THE GATEWAY CENTER

• Request $14 million in matching state capital outlay funds – Winter 2020
• Site selected & design begins - Spring 2020
• Work with neighborhood(s) – Spring 2020
• Construction begins – Summer 2021
• Gateway Center operations – Spring 2022
TODAY’S OBJECTIVES

• Collect input on critical services

• Collect input on criteria for site selection, and help us evaluate potential sites using those criteria
Connection to Services

Gateway Center

- Behavioral Health Services
- Medical Care
- Employment Services & Job Training
- Case Management Services
- Permanent Housing
SITE SELECTION PROCESS

Potential locations based on these criteria:

- Cost
- Impact on neighborhoods
- Access to transportation
- Access to services in the community
  - Housing
  - Employment
  - Food
  - Case management
  - Behavioral Health
EACH ROOM WILL DISCUSS THE SAME TOPIC

9:30 am – 10:15 am: Access to Services

10:15 am – 10:30 am: Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Site Location Criteria
Thank You

We are glad you are here!