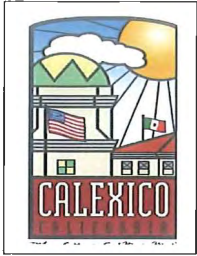


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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 19, 2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MK*

PREPARED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager

SUBJECT: Approve Letter of Support for the Application Prepared by Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego for the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey Program

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council consider approving a letter of support for the application prepared by Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego (CCDSD) for the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey Program.

Discussion:

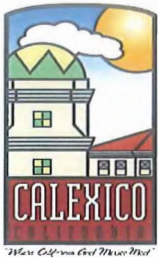
This funding will assist CCDSD in creating new units of permanent supportive housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness in Calexico. The property located at 545 Encinas Avenue, Calexico, CA is currently providing 50 shelter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness. The building is in poor condition and in need of rehabilitation.

The plan would be to demolish the existing structure and build a new multi-level building with various attributes to support the community. The ground floor would be a new Low Barrier Navigation Center with a commercial kitchen, common area, and dining space.

Attachment:

1. Letter of Support

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January 19, 2022

Secretary Lourdes M. Castro Ramirez
Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
California Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 West El Camino Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Letter of Support from City of Calexico

Dear Secretary Ramirez,

The City of Calexico is pleased to submit this letter in support of the Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego's (CCDSD) proposal to the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development, Homekey Program. The City of Calexico endorses CCDSD's proposal to use these funds to assist the City in creating new units of Permanent Supportive Housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness in Calexico.

In 2020, 1,527 people were reportedly homeless in Imperial County, according to the "point in time" count, a snapshot of the Imperial Valley's homeless. The count, done on the same day throughout the country, helps get a vast picture of homelessness in the U.S. Homekey Program funds will help CCDSD to continue addressing this inequity head-on by creating more housing units for chronically homeless people.

The property located at 545 Encinas Avenue, Calexico, CA is currently providing 50 shelter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness. The building is in poor condition and in need of rehabilitation. The plan would be to demolish the existing structure and build a new multi-level building with various attributes to support the community. The ground floor would be a new Low Barrier Navigation Center with a commercial kitchen, common area, and dining space.

The City of Calexico strongly supports CCDSD's application for the Homekey Program that proposes to utilize these funds to serve people experiencing chronic homelessness, particularly communities of color that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and homelessness.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 760/768-2110.

Sincerely,

CITY OF CALEXICO

Javier Moreno
Mayor

Viva Calexico!