



City of Santa Cruz CACH
Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness

SAFE SLEEP SUBCOMMITTEE

i. SPECIFICS

STUDIES

Direct the city attorney, or an outside consultant, to study and **report of all local ordinances** to ensure compliance with the intent of Martin v Boise. To include proposed revisions to also focus efforts to outreach and engagement instead of enforcement and marginalizing. Including ordinances, but not limited to 9.50, in parks after hours, public on public property, trespassing, blocking a sidewalk, public urination and public defecation and to present the report to city council and the CACH within two months.

Direct the police chief to provide data to the CACH and the City Council on **SCPD volunteer** involvement on responsibilities and activities of issuing warnings and writing citations (including overnight parking citations and all other infractions) within one month. To include number of warnings given and citations written along with name of violation and location.

OUTREACH MODEL collaboration with County

Move to a policy of **Outreach and Engagement** to respond to our homelessness crisis from only Enforcement as referenced in the Interim Report on Homelessness by the Governor's Strategic Advisory Committee ('Sweeps ... and other explicit or implicit criminalization of homelessness') and to direct the city manager to move from mainly enforcement thru SCPD to outreach thru coordination with county and homeless service providers.

Direct the city manager to **work with the CAO's office on sharing** data from SCFD, SCPD, through the CRSP app, and 9-1-1 and nonemergency calls, for nonviolent social service issues such as homelessness, allowing for an Outreach response from county or nonprofits saving SCPD to more proactively respond to more serious or violent crime.

All **information shared with the public by the city** to be guided by an Outreach Model, to modify the CRSP app, interactions with the public through city websites, materials, official staff blogs, and news briefs educate our community on present practices, programs, and solutions from other areas in responding to the homeless crisis in our community.

Direct the city manager to collaborate with the CAO's office and the HAP to research a proposed plan to **transfer responsibility of all abandoned property to an Outreach Collaborative** or program and deliver a written report on progress within two months.

Alignment with intent of Martin vs Boise

Direct the city attorney to return to city council within two months with a report in including:



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- a. A proposed definition of “**public health issue**” and “public health concern” to be defined in city policies and city ordinances and for designated officials to be given a clear set of criteria needed to be shown in each case to use said designation.
- b. A proposed clarification of the stated definition of “**public nuisance**” to be defined in city policies and city ordinances and for designated officials to be given a clear set of criteria needed to be shown in each case to use said designation.
- c. A proposed clarification in city policies and ordinances of the **definition of “abandoned property”** to personal property which has been unattended in public for at least 24 hours, and clarification that blankets, sleeping bags, clothing, tents, tarps, books, identification, wheelchairs, walkers, identification, medications, and other necessary personal belongings are considered property and should be handled according to a new “Property Management Standard Operating Procedures” and not to be discarded.
- d. An “**Property Management Standard Operating Procedures**” to include:
 - i. an official warning tag to be placed at the start of the 24 hours
 - ii. an official notification of where and when property can be claimed
 - iii. Clear guidelines of a very limited class of items allowed to be discarded such as illegal, and not blankets, sleeping bags, clothing, tents, tarps, books, medications, and other necessary personal belongings.
 - iv. Quarterly reporting made to the city council and the CACH to include: (possibly through use of the city’s CRSP app)
 - v. at both time of warning and time of confiscation, a picture taken and description recorded to include time, GIS data, and quarterly reporting to be available upon request for transparency.
 - vi. At time of discarding, a picture to be taken with time, GIS data, and description of items discarded.
 - vii. A procedure that **any person taken into custody** for any reason should have their personal belongings, including bedding, carts, clothes, tents, tarps, bicycles, etc., to be stored in trust for 90 days, or the period of their incarceration plus 30 days; whichever is longer. A picture is to be taken and description recorded. The police chief to be directed to report back to the CACH and city council on progress within two months.
 - viii. Collaborate with the County to return **property at time of release** from jail to ensure all bedding and survival items, identification, medication, etc. are immediately available.
 - ix. Expand hours of police **property storage retrieval** from two days during the week in the afternoon to every day of the business week and report back to the CACH and city council on progress within two months.

Direct the police chief, regarding vehicles with **expired auto registrations**, to work with the CACH to provide a flyer with community resources for financial support, and give a one month warning of impending towing. *(This warning procedure can be used before the normal six months of expired*



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registration when a vehicle is normally towed. And, if not corrected, towing could still occur at the time of the registration being expired for six months.)

PARKING

Direct the City Manager to develop an **incentive and outreach plan to businesses** and to allow 5 or more overnight camping vehicles with permission.

Allow 5 overnight camping vehicles in **church parking lots**.

Institute a **moratorium on new overnight parking restrictions** until such time as Public Works can make an interactional map or other format which allows an understanding to create a city-wide strategic approach on where parking is allowed and not allowed for overnight parking/camping.

New Programs

Direct City Manager to develop a plan and find present **funds for a new sleep site managed program** at to start as soon as possible at 1220 River Street until March 15 and other sites (for 24 hour per day usage) as soon as available, and to find present funding for immediate implementation of the CACH recommendations for sleeping zones (regarding, cleaning, waking, and managing).

Direct the staff to **inventory all city buildings**, conduct an evaluation to determine their suitability to be immediately used as temporary indoor emergency shelters, and identify at least five buildings which have been determined, in consultation with the fire department, to have a maximum "bed" capacity of at least 20 persons if operated as temporary indoor emergency shelters. Present to council a shelter operations action plan for each so identified building with a shelter capacity of 20+ persons by no later than the second meeting of April. Further, make requests of the County, and the school districts to conduct their own inventories and collaborate with the city in developing shelter operations plans for immediate action.