




**City Council Meeting**

Item #7.B (21-1613)  
Introduction of Ordinance to Create the City's Housing Commission and Direction About the Formation of a Homelessness Taskforce

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**Task Force & Commission**

**Recommendation**

1. Give direction to staff on the formation of an Ad Hoc Task Force to address homelessness
2. Approve introduction of an Ordinance to establish a City of Santa Clara Housing Commission

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## **Task Force & Commission**

### **Considerations**

- Housing Commission would implement former direction by Council
  - Formal
  - On-going
  - Broad scope of Housing Issues, including HUD programs
- Task Force responsive to current Council interest
  - Informal
  - Near-term
  - Focused on homelessness

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## **Task Force & Commission**

### **Considerations**

- Potential overlap of scope and staffing resources indicate Task Force should be concluded before convening Housing Commission
- Survey of neighboring cities identifies a variety of Task Force structures
- Community Plan to End Homelessness provides framework
- Homebase can provide assistance

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## Homelessness Taskforce

### Proposed Structure

- Staff seeking direction on proposed term and goals for the Taskforce, as well as meeting agendas, frequency, and Taskforce composition
- Membership of the Taskforce could include the following partners:
  - Destination Home
  - Bill Wilson Center
  - Abode Services
  - HomeFirst
  - Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing
  - Community and Neighborhood Representatives

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