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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: September 26, 2019
TO: Honorable Council President Gomez
FROM: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer 
SUBJECT: Transitional Storage Facility in Chollas Triangle on Lea Street

Thank you for your memorandum on August 5, 2019 regarding the planned citywide transitional storage center on Lea Street in the area near Chollas Triangle. This facility is essential for homeless individuals and families to have a secure place to store their belongings while they seek employment, take classes, meet with medical professionals, or attend to other needs. It affords peace of mind that their limited possessions are safeguarded from theft, loss, and damage.

In consultation with your office, my office has done extensive outreach to the adjacent community residents, business owners and property owners. In response to their feedback and concerns, I am committed to the neighborhood improvements and service levels listed in the attached document.

Additionally, I have allocated \$400,000 for the Chollas Triangle Park General Development Plan, which is a priority project for the community and stakeholders in Chollas Triangle. This allocation was approved by the Budget & Government Efficiency Committee on September 11 and will be heard by the City Council in October.

Contract negotiations with the operator are in their final stages and the facility is anticipated to open this fall. I remain committed to working with you to continue to address community feedback as we move forward with opening this important facility.

cc: Honorable Members of the City Council
Honorable City Attorney Mara Elliott
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Attachment A: Storage Facility Community Commitments
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The City of San Diego is committed to addressing community feedback as it moves forward with opening the planned citywide transitional storage center on 54th Street and Lea Street. Ensuring neighborhood safety and security is a priority. Our commitments include:

1. Outreach:
 - a. Prioritizing initial outreach efforts in a way that serves the homeless individuals in the surrounding community
 - b. Conducting outreach aid to individuals experiencing homelessness in parks on Chollas Lake, Rolando Park, Colina Del Sol, and Charles Lewis Park, including the adjacent Auburn Creek and North Chollas Parks
2. Cleanliness and Character:
 - a. Transportation and Stormwater Department will help control the cleanliness and character of the community by:
 - i. Addressing weed abatement along:
 1. Chollas Parkway
 2. Streamview Drive
 3. 54th Street
 4. University Ave. from Aragon Street to College Ave.
 - ii. Providing annual pruning of greenery along hillsides near 54th Street and University Ave. to improve line-of-sight and deter recurring encampments
 - iii. Considering options for additional street lighting further east along Lea Street, extending the existing overhead light by approximately 100 to 150 feet
 - iv. Coordinating the design process of Streamview Drive Phase 2, for which the City has provided funding
 - v. Adding additional traffic speed signage off Chollas Parkway
 - b. The Environmental Services Department will help control the cleanliness and character of the community by:
 - i. Addressing instances of trash and abandoned items through means such as daily trash cleanup along both sides of Lea Street and streets bounding the Chollas Triangle.
 - ii. Assisting Priority Service Area residents in cleanup of curbside bulky-item pick-up on a scheduled basis in collaboration with the Environmental Services Department, as needed
 - iii. Regulating and maintaining the canyons and creeks in surrounding area as resources allow
3. Public Safety and Client Security
 - a. The Neighborhood Policing Division of the San Diego Police Department will lead the effort to provide a level of police presence to enforce, discourage, and reduce nuisance behavior and criminal activity in the vicinity of the temporary facility, providing regular enforcement of vehicle habitation and overnight parking laws
 - b. Adding security cameras around the Storage Facility

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- c. Working with security services to provide security to Lea Street's Teen Challenge and apartment as a walking route during operating hours
4. Other Efforts
 - a. Providing San Diego Police Department and Environmental Services Department assistance to discourage encampments from occurring in areas that pose special public health and safety or other risks, including at the following locations:
 - i. University Ave. hillside west of 54th Street
 - ii. 54th Street hillside south of University Ave
 - iii. In/near the alley between Rex Ave. and University Ave
 - iv. In/near the storm drain of Chollas Creek at 54th Street
 - v. In/near the storm drain of Chollas Creek at Euclid Ave
 5. Additional efforts include:
 - a. Extending fencing south from its terminus along 54th Street, located on City property
 - b. Contacting property owners of the nearby shopping center and encouraging them to repair and reinforce their fencing at the end of 54th Street and Lea Street
 - c. Determining the feasibility for additional fencing next to the Teen Challenge parking lot
 6. Efforts for Continual Engagement:
 - a. City will implement a community-focused approach by having the facility operator form a Neighborhood Advisory Committee that convenes meetings open to the public
 - b. Fostering a relationship between New Roots Community Farm, San Diego Police Department and the community to deter criminal activity and prevent homelessness
 - c. Including chollascreek@gmail.com on all Neighborhood Advisory Committee communications

Together with your office, the City of San Diego remains committed to conducting additional outreach and gathering further community feedback as we move forward with opening this critical component to helping ultimately reduce homelessness in San Diego.