



FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE April 3, 2024
PREPARED FOR Mayor and Town Council
PREPARED BY Christine Foster, Deputy Town Clerk
SUBJECT Discuss/consider a Residents' Petition submitted per Town Code by the West Marin little League regarding homeless encampments in Fairfax.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss/consider the petition and direct staff as appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Fairfax Municipal Code Section 2.08.090 (C), if the Council is presented with a petition signed by 25 Fairfax residents urging consideration of an issue, the issue shall be placed on the Council's agenda for discussion.

On February 26, 2024, a residents' petition was submitted to the Town for the Council's consideration. The petition has 25 signatures of Fairfax residents, which meets the 25-signature threshold, and is on file with the Town Clerk. The petition states:

"We the undersigned residents of Fairfax, CA, request the following item be added to the next Town Council agenda: The residents of Fairfax are requesting an opportunity to share their thoughts on the growing homeless encampment located on/near the baseball field in downtown Fairfax known as "Central Field" and/or "Contratti Field."

The petitioners will be at the meeting to make a brief presentation of 3 to 5 minutes. After the presentation and taking public comment, the Council may discuss the matter and direct staff if the Council would like to prepare a further report, or as needed.

BACKGROUND

The Town of Fairfax works cooperatively with the County of Marin and other local jurisdictions on homelessness; [Whole Person Care/Homelessness Division](#) provides resources and program information, including a [data dashboard](#) that highlights encampments throughout the county, number of homeless veterans, families, and how many have transitioned into permanent housing.

The Town Council has had several presentations on homelessness in Fairfax:

- October 4, 2023: [Presentation by Gary Naja-Riese, Whole Person Care/Homelessness Division Director](#)
- August 3, 2022: [Presentation by Ashley Harte Macintyre, Marin County Health and Human Services](#)
- November 3, 2021: [Presentation by County Health and Human Services: Ken Shapiro, Chief Operating Officer / Chief Assistant Director and Ashley Hart McIntyre, Homelessness Policy Analyst](#)

On October 4, 2023, the Town Council appointed a subcommittee on Homelessness; Vice Mayor Blash and Council Member Cutrano. Vice Mayor Blash and Council Member Cutrano also serve on the Marin County Council of Mayors & Councilmembers (MCCMC) Homelessness Ad-Hoc Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

None.