

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2016

A Joint Resolution of the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor Regarding
Homeless Resource Centers in Salt Lake City

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City municipal government is responsible to promote the public health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, in early 2015 Salt Lake City formed a Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission made-up of community leaders, service providers, and elected officials to develop a new model to provide crisis services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission adopted, with public input, a scattered site model calling for separate sites for specific populations within the homeless community; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission researched nationwide best practices and obtained public input to develop and officially adopt success criteria to inform the selection of locations to support the new resource center model; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City actively participates in the Collective Impact on Homelessness Steering Committee convened by the Salt Lake County Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Collective Impact on Homelessness Steering Committee adopted a shared vision and strategic outcomes to help redesign the homeless service system including the providing of emergency services in the new scattered site model; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders successfully collaborated during the 2016 Legislative Session in seeking support of the Utah State Legislature to help fund new emergency resource centers and housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness within Salt Lake City and across the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Biskupski reconvened a reorganized Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission, inviting the Salt Lake City Council to participate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor have collaborated on the process for selection of sites for the location of homeless resource centers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor recognize the importance of ensuring that the population served by each homeless resource center will be compatible with the surrounding communities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this joint resolution reflects the recommendations of the Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission; and

WHEREAS, this joint resolution reflects the values and priorities that were developed through engagement with the public, service providers, stake holders, and members of our community experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor recognize that building consensus between the two branches of City government and the stakeholders represented by the Homeless Services Site Evaluation Commission regarding site location is the most effective way to ensure a successful transition to the new scattered site model, the best opportunity to transform the crisis service system in Salt Lake City, and the best way to objectively evaluate site locations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor recognize the Administration's responsibility to purchase and acquire real property; and

WHEREAS, people living in civil societies create governments to serve all the people because everyone is created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, the first property everyone owns is each one's own life, and everyone, as much as they can, shares responsibility for preserving everyone else's lives; and

WHEREAS, having a safe place or emergency shelter is an essential part of preserving life and pursuing happiness; and

WHEREAS, to help those of us who may need a housing or emergency shelter, Salt Lake City has committed to building a full spectrum of housing below market rates and four homeless resource centers; and

WHEREAS, it is our hope that the City's combination of housing and homeless resource centers becomes a model for other communities in Utah; and

WHEREAS, in line with the City and County's development of a new model for providing homeless and housing services that focuses on a full spectrum of housing, the Board of Directors of Shelter the Homeless, Inc., voted to close the current Road Home facility, located on Rio Grande Street in Salt Lake City, after completion of the construction of the four new homeless resource centers; and

WHEREAS, it also is our hope that service providers, elected officials, and community leaders across the State of Utah, and the and cities in Utah continue to work together to help keep people from losing their homes and to help people who have no homes; and

WHEREAS, this joint resolution reinforces the City's commitment to be a strong partner in the multi-jurisdictional efforts to redesign Utah's current housing and homeless services system as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor as follows:

1. Homeless Resource Center Siting: The Salt Lake City Council and Mayor jointly recommend the following sites for the four homeless resource centers located at approximately:

- A.) 653 East Simpson Avenue
- B.) 275 West High Avenue
- C.) 131 East 700 South
- D.) 648 West 100 South

2. That the Administration will take the necessary steps for the properties to be acquired and facilitate transfer of title to the Shelter the Homeless Board, Inc., which will be the owner and operator of the four homeless resource centers.

3. That each site will contain a maximum overnight occupancy limit of 150 individuals experiencing homelessness and will be compatible with the neighborhoods where the sites are located.

4. That the City will ensure ample public engagement in the site development processes, which will require engagement relating to the design and layout of the facilities.

5. Development of these sites is subject to securing adequate funding from public and private sources, and the completion of any rezoning and conditional use process required for each site.

6. That the City will collaborate with the Salt Lake City Redevelopment Agency and Shelter the Homeless Committee, Inc., to execute the agreed upon exchange, for fair value and after appraisal, of the property at 210 South Rio Grande Street owned by Shelter the Homeless Committee, Inc., for the property at 648 West 100 South Street owned by the Redevelopment Agency. This exchange will be completed once a new resource center is constructed on the property at 648 West and 100 South Street and after all four shelters are fully operational.

Passed and Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2016.

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