



CONSENT CALENDAR
November 9, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett
 Subject: Budget Referral: Homeless Outreach Coordinator for South Shattuck Avenue and Adeline Street

RECOMMENDATION

Referral to the November Budget Annual Appropriations Ordinance to fund \$200,000 for a Homeless Outreach Coordinator for South Shattuck Avenue at Dwight Way to Adeline Street at 62nd Street.

BACKGROUND

This recommendation will connect Berkeley's Shattuck Avenue and Adeline Street unhoused population to local and regional services and housing programs. It will provide the data to meet City guidelines and policy goals. Allocating funds for a homeless outreach coordinator will also support the City of Berkeley in responding to South Berkeley community concerns over the myriad of inequitable impacts.

The City of Berkeley seeks to create an environment of compassion and inclusion for all members of the community, including the unhoused population. Tragically, as the unhoused population has increased along the South Shattuck Avenue and Adeline Corridor, so has the number of persons in crisis. Likewise, the neighborhood has also experienced an increase in unsanitary conditions endangering the health and well-being of the unhoused population, residents, and businesses.

To promote health and safety in South Berkeley, the Council should allocate sufficient funding to hire a Homeless Outreach Coordinator to provide focused and dedicated work with the homeless population from Shattuck Avenue and Dwight Way to Adeline Street and 62nd Street.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

To address the concerns of numerous individuals on safety and sanitation, the city should allocate funding for a homeless outreach coordinator. The presence of a homeless outreach coordinator will connect unhoused residents in the South Shattuck and Adeline Corridors to local and regional services and housing programs; provide data to meet City guidelines and policy goals, and help address community concerns. This will lead to more equitable and safe living conditions for the unhoused and housed residents, local businesses, and the community at large.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

November Budget Annual Appropriations Ordinance Budget
 \$200,000: to employ a homeless outreach coordinator for a pilot year.

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