



CONSENT CALENDAR

May 26, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Lori Droste
 Subject: Mobile Shower Referral

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Homeless Commission and City Manager the establishment of a mobile shower unit in Berkeley and assess the feasibility/cost of such a project in comparison to existing programs.

BACKGROUND

In 2009, Berkeley had 680 people without permanent housing. With its large homeless population, Berkeley could benefit from a mobile shower program. The City's website currently lists two locations for showers available to the homeless- one in the downtown area, and one in Willard Park. A mobile shower unit could potentially serve more people in a more efficient manner.

The City of San Francisco has been developing a mobile shower program in conjunction with Lavamae.org. The program is housed in a former MTA bus and can serve multiple people in different communities every day. Lavamae.org offers resources, budgets, and outlines for replicating their project. This referral would use those resources and documents, as well as other information, to outline the feasibility of creating a similar model in Berkeley.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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