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Subject: MCCMC Homeless Committee - Meeting follow-up
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Hi all - It is a testament to the commitment of this committee and willingness to wrestle with the challenging issue of homelessness in that we had all but one city attend our meeting this week (and I think their absence was due to tech issues). Thank you for making this a priority.

Lots in this email and a few requested actions. PLUS be sure to read the ****Update**" section below:

- **Action:** Share out Project Homekey community sessions. Info is at the bottom of this email.
- **Action:** Update your Council about this meeting (hopefully at your next Council meeting) so we can continue to educate others and keep them in the loop. At our next meeting (to be scheduled for late summer) we will discuss the Community Homeless Fund in more detail.
- **Action:** Larkspur Mayor Kevin Haroff asked about supporting Downtown Streets Team and we were told that they need hygiene kits. Description sheet attached and if you will be taking this on in your city, please let the committee know so we can learn from each other.
- **Action:** There are two committees where City representation is important: 1) Homeless Policy Steering Committee that is appointed through MCCMC. Terms will be up soon - we'd discussed a S.Marín and Novato rep as making the most sense going forward. 2) Opening Doors Marin is also looking for 2- 3 reps. This can be appointed through our MCCMC Homeless Committee. If you are interested in either of these, do let us know.
- **Reference:** Andrew updated us about ODM - Opening Doors Marin. A similar program already exists in the Southbay that you can learn about here: <https://destinationhomesv.org/>
- **Reference:** Attached are the slides from Downtown Streets Team about the Mobile showers.

****Update:** The County Supervisors wrote a [Marin Voice](#) about homelessness/housing in which there is a call out to Civic Leaders. As we are the Civic Leaders, we will be responding through a Marin Voice where we outline specific actions on which we call on County leadership to address. If you have frustration with the County, this will be a way to channel your energy into solutions. We all agree that housing + supportive services is the best solution for homelessness. We also recognize that approach is not addressing the growing encampments in Marin.

Next Steps: a draft of the city response will be sent to the Mayor of each City in Marin (our goal is to have all sign on) and the MCCMC rep on this Committee. In order to avoid Brown Act issues, if there are two reps from a City we will send to the more senior rep unless you tell us otherwise. In our response, we will list specific 'asks' so we will want your input on those or any others requests that we should consider including.

Project Homekey Info and Session Links

In July of 2020, the State of California launched a \$750 million program called "Project Homekey", with the aim of helping local communities rapidly acquire hotels, motels, commercial buildings, and other creative housing types in order to rapidly house people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. By December 29, 2020, the program had resulted in the acquisition of 94 projects, representing 6,029 units of permanent housing for individuals

experiencing homelessness. In Marin County specifically, we received approximately \$8.6 million to aid the purchase of 63 new units of permanent supportive housing in San Rafael and Corte Madera ([more info about our local effort](#)).

Given the success of “Homekey 1.0”, in January of 2021, Governor Newsom’s proposed FY21-22 budget included another \$750 million allocation for “Project Homekey 2.0”. While this funding has yet to be approved by the Legislature, if the speed of Homekey 1.0 is any indication, approval and a new call for applications could come as early as May, and we would likely be facing the same expedited timeline of closing on properties by the end of the calendar year.

To that end, the weeks of April 12th and April 19th, [Opening Doors Marin](#), in partnership with the County of Marin, is hosting a series of ten community information sessions about a possible “Homekey 2.0”. The goal of these sessions is to provide an overview of Homekey 1.0, describe what Homekey 2.0 might look like, and solicit community feedback about both the process and possible projects. We hope you can join and provide your feedback!

- [Wednesday, April 14th @ 5:00pm](#)
- [Thursday, April 15th @ 8:30am](#)
- [Thursday, April 15th @ 12pm](#)
- [Friday, April 16th @ 8:30am](#)
- [Monday, April 19th @ 12pm](#)
- [Tuesday, April 20th @ 8:30am](#)
- [Tuesday, April 20th @ 2pm](#)
- [Wednesday, April 21st @ 12pm](#)
- [Wednesday, April 21st @ 5pm](#)
- [Thursday, April 22nd @ 8:30am](#)

In closing, thanks for reading this entire email and showing up to further the solutions of homelessness by working together.

Kate & Renee
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