



## Council Agenda Report

From: Ashlee Hernandez, Homeless Services Manager

Subject: Approval for the City to Join the San Luis Obispo County Regional Homelessness and Affordable Housing Compact and Receipt of Regional Homeless Services Inventory

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Date: April 21, 2026

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### Facts

1. Homelessness is a complex, countywide challenge and addressing homelessness effectively, requires shared responsibility, coordinated planning, and alignment of local and regional strategies.
2. The County of San Luis Obispo has developed a Regional Homelessness and Affordable Housing Compact ("Compact") to establish a non-binding, collaborative framework among the County and the seven incorporated cities for addressing homelessness and affordable housing at a regional level.
3. The Compact includes shared principles to treat all people with dignity, strengthen regional collaboration, expand housing and services, share responsibility and resources, promote transparency and accountability, and foster community well-being and safety.
4. The Compact aligns with the regional collaboration priorities outlined in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2026 Paso Robles City Council Adopted Goals, the FY 2024-2027 Paso Robles Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness, and the FY 2021-2028 City of Paso Robles Housing Element.
5. Adoption of the Compact is intended to strengthen regional partnerships, improve coordination across jurisdictions, and enhance competitiveness for state and federal funding.
6. In addition to the Compact, the County prepared a Regional Homeless Services Inventory summarizing homelessness-related planning, coordination, funding, land use activities, and direct services throughout the county.
7. Approval of the Compact does not relinquish local control or oblige the City with future expenditures. It formalizes a collaborative framework while preserving each jurisdiction's authority over its own policies, priorities, budget decisions, and implementation actions.
8. The Compact was developed as part of the County's broader effort to implement the FY 2022-2027 San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness, which emphasizes regional coordination, improved data systems, housing expansion, reduced barriers to stability, streamlined funding, and public engagement.

### Options

1. Take no action;
2. Approve a Resolution approving the City to collaborate the San Luis Obispo County Regional Homelessness and Affordable Housing Compact and receive the Regional Homeless Services Inventory;
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

## **Analysis and Conclusions**

The SLO County Regional Homelessness and Affordable Housing Compact is a non-binding framework developed through over a year of collaboration among the County of San Luis Obispo and its incorporated cities. The Compact reflects a shared commitment to regional coordination on homelessness and housing challenges and is being considered concurrently by jurisdictions throughout the county. The City of San Luis Obispo recently approved the Compact, and other cities are undertaking similar actions.

The Compact establishes shared principles and supports coordination, but it does not supersede, delegate, restrict, or otherwise impair the City's independent authority over land use, budgeting, or policy decisions. Importantly, the Compact is non-binding and does not define, prescribe, or direct how the City of Paso Robles allocates or utilizes its local funds for homelessness response. All such decisions remain subject to applicable law and future City Council action.

Adoption of the Compact is consistent with the FY 2024–2026 Paso Robles City Council Adopted Goals for homelessness response, including efforts to identify and address gaps in the housing continuum, develop partnerships to expand emergency and affordable housing, and coordinate regularly with regional partners.

Adoption is also consistent with the FY 2024–2027 Paso Robles Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness, including Goal 4.1 to develop partnerships to identify and address gaps in the housing continuum, Goal 4.2 to support countywide efforts to remove local barriers to supportive, transitional, and affordable housing, and Objective 5.2.2 to pursue grant opportunities in partnership with the County that align with the Strategic Plan.

The Compact is further consistent with the FY 2021–2028 City of Paso Robles Housing Element, including Goal H-2 to support development of adequate housing for extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income households, and Policy H-2.4 supporting regional efforts to address homelessness.

Accordingly, approval of Resolution 26-XXX would strengthen regional alignment, transparency, and intergovernmental coordination in addressing homelessness and affordable housing needs, while fully preserving the City's discretion over future implementation, resource allocation, and policy decisions.

## **Fiscal Impact**

No additional fiscal impacts are associated with approving the Resolution and authorizing the City to sign onto the San Luis Obispo County Regional Homelessness and Affordable Housing Compact.

## **CEQA**

The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

## **Recommendation (Option 2)**

Approve Resolution 26-XXX approving the San Luis Obispo County Regional Homelessness and Affordable Housing Compact and receive the Regional Homeless Services Inventory.

## **Attachments**

1. Resolution 26-XXX
  - a. Exhibit A - SLO Countywide Regional Homelessness and Affordable Housing Compact

b. Exhibit B - SLO County Regional Homeless Services Inventory