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Homelessness Resolution Action Alternatives Briefing

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- Homeless Resolution 2022-19-PT adopted by Commission, Nov. 2022.
- Staff directed to prepare a set of proposed alternatives to assist local governments in responding to growing number of individuals experiencing homelessness
- Before bringing forward specific alternatives, staff sought high level guidance from the Commission to aid in alternatives development

Alternative #1

Financial contribution

- One-time financial contribution to a government or non-profit entity
- Directed toward specific account versus general fund, leveraging existing project or planned efforts
- Could include purchasing materials such as building supplies, fencing, etc.
- *Examples: City of Fife tiny house village, Tacoma Rescue Mission career development services*



City of Fife tiny house village

Purchase off-premise land and lease back

- Coordinate with government agencies to help identify and acquire suitable off-premise lands for temporary or permanent housing or storage facility
- Leverage the Port's real estate department to ensure suitable land is acquired that accounts for public safety and located near essential services
- Leverage the Port's environmental department for environmental impact assessment when site is selected
- *Examples: Provide land for temporary vehicle storage. Provide land for temporary encampment housing. Provide land for low-income housing.*

Homelessness policy and program advocacy

- Advocate with key state, county and city agencies to help secure more resources for highest priority items that present most risk to human health and public safety.
- Develop a clearly identified policy and/or program advocacy strategy in collaboration with key partners (vs. the more typical case by case approach) to resolve key issues
- *Examples: State/local funding for social service programs and/or low-income housing/shelters; missing middle legislation, expedited permit review and other policies to encourage housing development*

- Commission discussion and direction on preferred high-level approach & budget range
- Staff will develop detailed action alternatives to advance Commission's preferred alternative
- Prepare and present detailed proposal for Commission Action at March meeting

Questions & Discussion

