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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Progress Report on Social Service Siting Policies and Implementing Legislation

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: This report is submitted for information only.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 10, 1998

SUMMARY: This report provides the Council with a status report on social services siting policies and the preparation and processing of related amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to implement the policies.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND

A comprehensive report was prepared by the Social Services Siting Focus Group and submitted to the City. The report included three sets of recommendations including a set of siting policies and actions, a recommended good neighbor process and guidelines, and a set of recommended amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

On December 2, 1997, the City Council received and discussed the social services siting policies concurrently with the Homeless Forum Report and recommendations. A motion of intent to approve was passed and final action was to be taken after the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors had their opportunity to review the Homeless Forum Report.

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The Board of Supervisors did review the report on February 3, 1998. Staff will be preparing a report back for final action by the City Council in April. Final actions include the adoption of the Siting Policies from the Focus Group with the additon made by Councilman Cohn.

At the March 3 meeting, the Council expressed a desire to have the drafting of necessary amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to implement the social service siting policy completed and processed for its consideration in July of this year. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are first heard by the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation.

A preliminary draft of the amendments has been completed and reviewed by staff. The City Attorney's Office has advised that completion of the drafting work necessary to allow for its consideration by the Council in July is feasible. As the City Attorney's Office advised at the March 3 meeting, recent federal and state legislation, and recent court decisions under this legislation, may affect some of the proposals contained in the social service siting policy, particularly as they relate to residential facilities. The potentially impacted proposals include the concentration and locational standards, required pre-application community notification and meeting requirements, and certain provisions of the "good neighbor" policies.

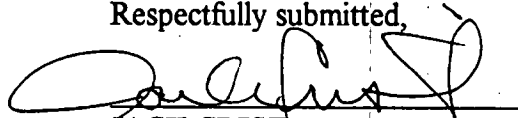
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: This report is presented for information purposes only. Appropriate environmental review will be undertaken in conjunction with proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: This report is presented for information purposes only. Policy considerations will be discussed as part of any subsequent staff recommendation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: N/A.

MBE/WBE: N/A.

FOR CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION
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Respectfully submitted,

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