



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: June 3, 2025

TO: Honorable Councilmember Henry Foster III, Budget Review Committee Chair,
and Honorable Budget Review Committee Members

FROM: Rolando Charvel, Department of Finance Director and City Comptroller

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Review Committee Referral Responses for May 8, 2025

This memorandum provides responses and/or follow up information to unanswered questions asked at the Budget Review Committee meeting held on May 8, 2025. The responses are listed by department in the order they were reviewed by the Committee.

Homelessness Strategies & Solutions

COUNCIL DISTRICT 8

QUESTION: How long did it take to realize that the Caltrans outreach program wasn't working? How long has the City worked with Caltrans on the outreach program?

RESPONSE: The contract with Citynet was executed in October 2021. The initial contract did not establish any outcome targets as the contract deliverables were based on Caltrans' schedule of activities. In mid-2023, the Homelessness Strategies and Solutions Department (HSSD) added outcome measures to the contract with targets listed as "reporting only" so we could start to capture baseline data related to numbers of clients served and their placements into housing. Once this baseline data was established in 2024, HSSD added metrics on numbers served and their outcomes.

As stated in the IBA report on HSSD's FY 2026 Draft Budget, the program showed underperforming outcomes, as 98.3% of individuals receiving outreach through the program remained homeless. During an incredibly tight budget year, HSSD made a strategic decision to fold outreach on state right-of-way into the remaining outreach contracts and is working with Caltrans to see improved performance over this next fiscal year.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

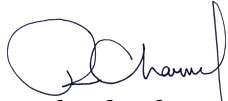
QUESTION: Have we seen impacts from the philanthropic dollars that were given to the City to meet our needs given the budget cuts that we are facing?

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RESPONSE: Philanthropic dollars have been previously raised to support homelessness programs and services. Those funds have been provided to and are managed by the San Diego Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rolando Charvel".

Rolando Charvel
Department of Finance Director and City Comptroller

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