Building Relationships to Move Forward Council Priorities

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Priorities, Partnerships & Results

• Collaboration can turn council goals and priorities into successful budget and policy decisions

• Building relationships with city council, staff and the community is a recipe for success

• Generating rewards, from creating lasting partnerships to implement key services
Priorities, Partnerships & Results

• The City of Vallejo has built upon a foundation of strong relationships to move forward important council priorities, including:
  – Implementing its cannabis program
  – Working to address homelessness,
  – Creating a waterfront space open for all
  – Facing the challenges of a pandemic through partnerships

Developing a Cannabis Program

• 2016: Over 40 illegal Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Vallejo
• Due to proposal to shut them all down and conduct RFP
  • Businesses organized to resist efforts
  • Placed a referendum on ballot - Passed
  • Attempted recall of Council Member Dew – Failed
Developing a Cannabis Program

- Path forward had to include collaboration and consensus
  - Council Ad Hoc Committee
  - Community Engagement
  - Collaborative approach on regulations
  - Regulations led to ordinances

- Lessons learned:
  - Stay engaged
  - Stay flexible
  - Listen and refine

Homelessness - Collaboration is Key

- Point in Time Count
  - 638 homeless in Vallejo as of 2019

- Recent polling identified homelessness as one of the top concerns of our residents

- Complex and multi-faceted issues involved in addressing challenges of homelessness

- Strategy is to focus on prevention, intervention, linking to serves, providing ongoing support
Homelessness - Collaboration is Key

- Sacramento Street/Eden – Permanent Supportive Housing
  - DDA with Eden to provide wrap around services in 75 units

- Navigation Center
  - Funding from health care partners: Sutter, Kaiser & NorthBay
  - Partnerships with myriad of service providers

- Project Room Key
  - Goal: 190 rooms over 60 days
  - Goal achieved as of June 12
  - Continuation of program dependent on state funding
  - Successful collaboration with health care, mental health, non-profits

Homelessness - Collaboration is Key
Transforming a Waterfront Park

• Started with a simple conversation and a vision

• Followed by a waterfall of ideas for working with an artist to create the vision

• Initial plans did not come to fruition – prompted the City to pivot

• City took ownership of project
  • Identified funding options
  • Participatory Budgeting
  • Service Organizations

Transforming a Waterfront Park

• Leveraging opportunities
  • Forming a partnership with Yocha Dehe Wintun

• Tribe is developing a cultural center on the waterfront and has expressed interest in partnering on the park

• Partnership provides opportunity for another significant funding source

• Lessons learned:
  • Be open to change
  • Stay engaged and communicate with stakeholders
  • Balance flexibility with remaining true to vision
Leveraging Partnerships – COVID-19 Tests

**Priority 1: Maintain Local Health Care, Regional Public Safety, and Essential City Operations**
- Testing for Public Safety and other Essential COV Employees
- Symptomatic Public Safety (includes neighboring jurisdictions)
- Symptomatic Health Care workers at Vallejo health care facilities
- Symptomatic other City front line workers from City of Vallejo

**Priority 2: Ensure that those who are at highest risk of infection are rapidly identified and appropriately triaged**
- Symptomatic Homeless as part of Project Room Key
- Long term care facilities with symptoms
- Asymptomatic Public Safety with exposure incident
- Asymptomatic Health Care with exposure incident
- Asymptomatic other City front line workers with exposure incident

**Priority 3: Other Entities**
- Consider requests from other entities for tests for essential workers as they arise – screen based on CDC priorities for testing, as well as availability of remaining tests for other priority groups (above).

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**Leveraging Partnerships – COVID-19 Tests**

- City of Hayward
- Avallino Labs
- La Clinica
- Cal Maritime
- Vallejo Flood & Wastewater
- Greater Vallejo Rec. District
- Solano County Public Health
- Touro University
- Vallejo Mobile Health
- Samuel Merritt University
- Long Term Care Facilities
Relationships, Collaboration & Engagement

• Examples of collaboration that have contributed to meeting council goals and priorities

• Building relationships and maintaining them through transparency, engagement and flexibility

• Partnerships with our community will be critical to our continued success in these areas

THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

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