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Dear Mario Lara,

The East Sacramento Community Association (ESCA) would like to thank you for providing updates on the status of Measure O and the Emergency Shelter and Enforcement Act of 2022. We appreciate this is a significant undertaking and moving our unsheltered population into safer spaces cannot happen overnight. We would, however, like to see greater detail in the future on several of the updates contained in the May Progress report so we can better understand how the City of Sacramento is measuring its efforts as they have a significant effect on the East Sacramento community as well as the City as a whole.

1. Could you please clarify the “Non-Congregate State/City/County tiny homes (Work in Progress/Est.)” category of emergency shelter space? Specifically, how many of those spaces are available for immediate use, and could you please provide a date at which the remainder will be ready?
2. What was the utilization rate for the emergency shelter spaces at the end of March? At the end of April? At the end of May? If the utilization rates were greater than 60%, were additional shelter spaces authorized?

Measure O reads, 12.100.020 A: Within 90 days of the effective date of this chapter, the city manager will identify and authorize at least the number of new emergency shelter spaces that equals 20% of the minimum threshold. If in any given month thereafter, the utilization rate is greater than 60%, the city manager shall, within 30 days, identify and authorize an additional number of emergency shelter spaces that equals 20% of the minimum threshold. However, the city manager shall not be required to identify and authorize emergency shelter spaces that exceed the minimum threshold.

3. Could you please explain the criteria by which calls to the Department of Community Response are “closed”? How could someone find out what happened as a result of any individual call?
4. In the Vehicle Abatement Report, could you please clarify the complaints received and the actions taken?

5. Could you please explain the context for the low figures in the Service Summary?

- a. For example, why were there only nine referrals to a county health care provider? Why were there only four case management meetings?
- b. Why was there no assistance with veterinary care in May? How is the city/county doing outreach for homeless animal services? This recent [article](#) in Inside Sacramento indicates Front Street was granted considerable resources for homeless outreach – is it using them towards this effort, and if not, why?
- c. Do you anticipate these numbers to stay the same or change with the next report? Why?

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to ESCA board member Sarah Huchel at sarah.huchel@gmail.com. Many thanks for your time and efforts!

Regards,

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