

To: Chair Albright and Secretary Badasow

Subject: Proposed Motion for September 3, 2026, Homelessness Oversight Commission Meeting

Chairman Albright and Secretary Badasow,

I respectfully request that the following motion be placed before the Homelessness Oversight Commission for consideration at its September 3, 2026, meeting.

Background

In reviewing Director McSpadden's February 2026 response and the recommendations of the Civil Grand Jury, a consistent theme emerges: accountability for the City's homelessness investments and the need for independent performance evaluation. Previous Civil Grand Jury reports have similarly identified concerns regarding transparency, performance measurement, and oversight.

Given the significant public resources dedicated to homelessness programs, it is important that policymakers and taxpayers have objective, independent assessments of whether these investments are producing measurable outcomes and cost-effective results. An outside evaluator could help address gaps in existing capacity by conducting ongoing performance monitoring and cost-benefit analyses across the homelessness response system.

Such evaluations could examine program outcomes, vendor performance, data quality, contract compliance, service duplication, and system-wide impacts across housing, public health, behavioral health, emergency services, law enforcement, and related departments. Regular reporting would support informed decision-making and enable timely adjustments to improve program effectiveness and accountability.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Homelessness Oversight Commission recommend that the City select and contract with an independent outside evaluator to provide ongoing performance monitoring and cost-benefit analysis of homelessness programs and related expenditures.

The evaluator should provide regular public reports on program outcomes, costs, vendor performance, data quality, contract effectiveness, and system-wide impacts, together with recommendations to improve accountability, efficiency, and results.

I further move that appropriate City staff return to the Commission with potential implementation options, estimated costs, possible funding sources, and a proposed timeline for establishing such an independent evaluation function.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Tom Rocca