

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AUTHORIZING
DATA SHARING AND COLLABORATION WITH EAST
VALLEY JURISDICTIONS TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP
REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Apache Junction, City of Chandler, Town of Gilbert, City of Mesa, City of Scottsdale, City of Tempe, Maricopa County and the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Governing Board (“Jurisdiction(s)”) recognize that homelessness is a humanitarian challenge impacting households with and without housing in all jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Maricopa Region has increased significantly between 2014 and 2018, and is more visible across the Region;

WHEREAS, the Jurisdictions agree that an array of resources and interventions including, but not limited to housing for all incomes, homelessness prevention and diversion, assertive outreach, emergency lodging, transitional and bridge housing, and permanent supportive housing are critical to maintain a system in which homelessness is rare, one-time and non-recurring; and

WHEREAS, the Jurisdictions have come together in partnership to explore the potential benefits of collaborating to develop regional solutions that might build on the unique capacities of each jurisdiction and create economies of scale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Manager or his designee(s), on behalf of the City of Mesa, is authorized to continue working collaboratively with the Jurisdictions for the exploration of East Valley regional solutions.

Section 2: The City Manager or his designee(s) is authorized to research best practices and investigate evidenced-based approaches in multi-jurisdictional strategies to preventing and reducing homelessness.

Section 3: The City Manager or his designee(s) is authorized to share data or other public information with the Jurisdictions for planning purposes and in compliance with applicable law.

Section 4: The City Manager or his designee(s) is authorized to pursue the development of a portfolio of regional strategies and solutions for consideration by each individual Jurisdiction.

Section 5: The City Manager or his designee(s) is authorized to explore opportunities to develop a balanced portfolio of housing for all incomes and levels of support.

Section 6: The City Manager or his designee(s) is authorized to ensure the planning process includes opportunities for public participation and input.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 19th day of August, 2019.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk