

RESOLUTION 1271

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING THE CITY'S SUPPORT OF A PIERCE COUNTY VILLAGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Pierce County Executive, Council, and a number of community leaders are working to establish a Pierce County Village as a planned community of microhomes, work opportunities, and onsite mental health care; and

WHEREAS, a Pierce County Village will be patterned after the stunningly successful Community First Village near Austin, Texas, to address the biggest challenge to homelessness in Pierce County: permanent housing for the chronically homeless; and

WHEREAS, Pierce County lacks the necessary housing for this group who overwhelmingly populate our streets, encampments, and shelters because they are the most challenging to permanently house successfully; and

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Rescue Mission, in collaboration with Pierce County and other partners, is actively pursuing funding opportunities, including requesting federal appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council wishes to encourage and support all efforts to combat homelessness in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. The City Council expresses its strong support for a Pierce County Village project.


Section 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to prepare letters stating the City's support for a Pierce County Village project to be sent to Pierce County's representatives in the federal government and to any other agencies that may be able to support the project.

Section 3. The Mayor, City Administrator and councilmembers are hereby authorized and encouraged to engage with representatives, governing bodies, organizations, and individuals to convey a message of support for a Pierce County Village project on behalf of the City.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 27th day of February, 2023.


Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:


Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk