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Agenda item #9:

FOOD ASSISTANCE IN CARLSBAD AND THE OCEANSIDE KITCHEN COLLECTIVE – 1) Receive an informational report on food assistance in Carlsbad and the Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative; and 2) Discuss and, if the City Council wishes, provide direction on addressing food insecurity. (Staff contact: Holly Nelson, Police Department and David Graham, Administrative Services)

Comment:

Dear Councilmembers,

It is important that our City provide financial assistance to organizations that have successfully addressed food insecurity. Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative (OKC) has done an outstanding job of providing meals to their homeless population and has financial backing of the Oceanside city council.

I have 3 requests:

1. To have the City of Carlsbad **support our own local organizations** (example: Feeding All God's Children) that already support the issue of food insecurity of our community before looking into other organizations outside of Carlsbad. These local groups are most familiar with serving our homeless community as well as members that face food insecurity. This will also help address food insecurity in the long term.
2. The Homeless outreach plan should identify the strategy to address food insecurity as well as lay out the financial plan along with the organizations to help address food insecurity. The budget for homelessness/food insecurity should also be transparent.
3. Review the reporting structure of the current Homeless Outreach Plan. Homelessness/food insecurity is a multifaceted issue that involves the support of the Police Department but also of social workers and community organizations. It should be managed by an area that can bring these different stakeholders together and ensure the Homeless Outreach Plan is implemented and managed. Since we now have a new council member this is a great opportunity to revisit the reporting structure of the Homeless Outreach Plan.

Thank you,
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