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| **EVENT SUMMARY – October 23, 2019 Forum on Homelessness: A One-Day Gathering to Explore & Discover What’s Working & What is Needed** *Hosted by the City of Riverside, this one-day invitational gathering provides a first-ever, participatory opportunity for 80 elected officials, city managers and chief administrative officers, sheriffs and police chiefs, and homeless services administrators, to learn, share, and network to advance effective solutions to the challenge of homelessness in the region.****A live recording of the Forum on Homelessness can be found at the following link:***<https://youtu.be/Jk26LsykZ0s>  |
| 8:00-8:30am | **Welcome:** Mayor of Riverside, Rusty Bailey and Councilman for Ward 4, Chuck Conder**The Meaning of it all:** The purpose of the forum, the challenges that face the region, Riverside’s reason for pulling the organizations together, What we should all expect to get from the day, etc. ***Event Summary:****Mayor Bailey welcomed the Forum attendees and thanked them for their attendance. He spoke on Homelessness as a social issue and stated that we are all in this boat together. He also mentioned that this is the number one issue of our day and said that if this truly is a crisis, then we better act like it. In order to address the issue of Homelessness we need one hand of enforcement and one hand of compassion and rehabilitations. We need to spend 50% of our time on this issue if we want to move the needle.**Councilman Conder also welcomed all attendees to the forum and thanked them for attending. He expressed his belief that the conference is the beginning of a conversation to lead to new efforts to address homelessness. He stated that we need to combine our collective thoughts and resources so that we are better able to address the issue. Together we have a better chance to address homelessness. He encouraged honest communication between the organizations represented at the Forum but to refrain from criticism. We need to be one large voice to influence the State on laws and resources.* |
| 8:30-10:30am | **10-Minute Quick Hits, Part I:** MC – Riverside Deputy City Manager, Moises Lopez**What is Going On Now:** An Overview by Each Jurisdiction of the Homeless Challenge, Current Efforts to Addressing the Challenge, Progress Made/Evidence of Success, and Key Challenges to Further Success ***Event Summary:****Agencies provided PowerPoint and verbal presentations on their programs and ideas for addressing homelessness. Each agency spoke for approximately 10 minutes and some of the key takeaways include:** *We are better together*
* *Enforce the laws on our books*
* *Addressing homelessness is a spiritual venture*
* *Let’s be honest, authentic, and Partners*

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| 10:30am-10:45am | BREAK |
| 10:45-12:15pm | 10-Minute Quick Hits, Part II: MC – Riverside Deputy City Manager, Moises Lopez**What is Going On Now:** An Overview by Each Jurisdiction of the Homeless Challenge, Current Efforts to Addressing the Challenge, Progress Made/Evidence of Success, and Key Challenges to Further Success***Event Summary:****Agencies provided PowerPoint and verbal presentation on their programs and ideas for addressing homelessness. Each agency spoke for approximately 10 minutes and some of the key takeaways include:** *Whole person approach to homelessness is needed – substance abuse is keeping people out on the streets*
* *“Stop squeezing the balloon” – Let’s communicate and coordinate to have clear and consistent rules and not push the problem to another city*
* *Before breaking up encampments, have a plan for relocation*

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| 12:15-1:45 pm | **LUNCH & Lunchtime Keynote:** Mr. Phillip Mangano, President and CEO of the American Round Table to Abolish Homelessness**2019 Forum on Homelessness Strategic Session:** Where were are, What we need, Why we care***Event Summary:****The keynote speaker was Phillip Mangano President and CEO of the American Round Table to Abolish Homelessness. Mr. Mangano was appointed by President George W. Bush to be the executive Director of the White House United States Interagency Council on Homelessness in 2002. Following his work in Washington, Mangano established the American Round Table to Abolish Homelessness in 2009 working with jurisdictional CEO’s across the Country. In July 2019, CA Governor Newsom named him to the new State Advisory Council of jurisdictional leaders and experts focused on strategic solutions to homelessness.**Key takeaways from his speech include:** *Connecting heart and mind is necessary to effectively address homelessness*
* *Restore social capital to create a sense of belonging*
* *More empirical data on what doesn’t work than what does work*
* *Need to keep “your will” up, in spite of “demoralized pessimism”*
* *Old school programs that didn’t work won’t work – tap innovative programs that work*
* *We need to stop sweeping people out and house people in*
* *We need: leadership, housing, service support, and employment options*

*Copies of Mr. Mangano’s complete bio and presentation are located at the following link:*[***https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/***](https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/) |
| 1:45pm-2:00pm | **Announcement:** Directions on Working Roundtables By Riverside City Manager Al Zelinka***Event Summary:****Riverside City Manager, Al Zelinka provided directions for the working roundtables. A copy of the directions can be found at the following link:*[***https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/***](https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/) |
| 2:00-2:15pm | Break |
| 2:15-3:15pm | **Working Roundtables:**6 Working Roundtables organized around various topics to develop solutions and strategies for issues and challenges facing the participating jurisdictions. ***Event Summary:****Attendees were asked to select 2 out of 6 questions, discuss each of them in a group and provide input. The six questions included:*1. *When addressing persons experiencing homelessness in your community, what is the role of law enforcement and what are lessons learned that can benefit other communities in the region?*
2. *What best practices from your community have effectively addressed quality of life issues surrounding persons experiencing homelessness?*
3. *What are the gaps in services and other resources your community experiences in its efforts to address issues surrounding persons experiencing homelessness?*
4. *What are the beneficial partnerships your community has experienced for addressing issues surrounding persons experiencing homelessness?*
5. *What are the range of funding resources and approaches your community uses for addressing issues surrounding persons experiencing homelessness?*
6. *What State legislative issues could the communities in the region address in partnership to improve your community’s ability to address issues surrounding persons experiencing homelessness?*

*Responses to these questions and more can be found at the following link:*[***https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/***](https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/) |
| 3:15-3:45pm | **Report out on Roundtable Discussions:**Riverside City Manager, Al ZelinkaWill report out to the overall group on the Working Roundtables.***Event Summary:****Riverside City Manager, Al Zelinka presented a summary key takeaways from the event as well as the top responses from the working round tables. The presentation can be found at the following link:*[***https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/***](https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/) |
| 3:45-4:00pm | **Closing Remarks:** Riverside City Manager, Al Zelinka**The Destination to Attain:** A report out from the day on the requisite focus, effort, coordination, and commitment to resolve the homeless challenges in our communities and the region***Event Summary:****Riverside City Manager, Al Zelinka presented a summary of key takeaways from the event including what the attendees can do and what the City of Riverside will do going forward. The presentation can be found at the following link:*[***https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/***](https://riversideca.gov/homelesssolutions/) |
| 4:00pm | **END OF FORUM** |