



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

### City of Anaheim OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 7, 2017  
**FROM:** OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON THE MAYORAL TASK FORCE TO RESEARCH  
AND ESTABLISH A WELCOMING ANAHEIM INITIATIVE

**ATTACHMENT (Y/N):** NO **ITEM#** 20

#### **ACTION:**

That the City Council, by Motion, receive an update on the Mayoral Task Force on the Welcoming Anaheim initiative and discuss and potentially provide direction related to the task force's work, membership, transparency measures and any other areas that may involve the work and development of the task force.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

At the January 24, 2017 council meeting, Council Member Kris Murray reiterated her request for an item to be brought back to council regarding the Mayoral Task Force on the Welcoming Anaheim initiative in order to ensure full public transparency. Specifically, Council Member Murray requested that council discuss and consider providing direction to the task force including action to ensure that the proceedings of the task force be recorded, transparent and open to the public throughout the process.

The objectives of this initiative are intended to be modeled after the Welcoming America program and would seek to adopt policy tools and best practices from around the country on how best to integrate all members of our community, specifically new immigrants and refugees, and to assure them that they are a valued part of this City. It is anticipated that the specific goals and objectives for the task force will be an item that is discussed and determined by the membership at the first task force meeting.

The Mayor's Office is responsible for appointing members to the task force and has reached out to a number of prospective members. To date, the final membership is still being determined. Thus far, Mayor Tait has invited Council Members Moreno and Faessel to represent the City Council and to serve with him on the task force. The task force will ultimately consist of 10-12 members representing a variety of stakeholder groups from around the City, including churches, nonprofits, education leaders and other interested parties.

The first task force meeting is currently scheduled for February 17, 2017 at 8:30am and will be located at the Gordon Hoyt conference room at the Anaheim West Tower. As part of this first meeting, we have invited representatives from the Welcoming America

Organization to come and present to the task force and provide information on their work and some of the best practices around the country. The number of future task force meetings and the meeting dates will be determined after consultation with the task force members at the first meeting.

The task force is currently being staffed by the City Manager's Office. It is anticipated that other City departments will also be consulted as the task force examines our current programs and explores new opportunities. At the conclusion of the task force, the group will provide a report to council outlining its work.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

There is no budgetary impact for the creation of the task force. Should additional resources be required for the Welcoming Anaheim Initiative, staff in consultation with the Office of the Mayor, will bring a budget to council for review and approval. Additionally, any anticipated costs considered in conjunction with the task force report will be considered by council at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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