

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 220201

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the public health issue by exponentially increasing job loss and financial struggle, particularly in communities of color and for those living at or near the poverty threshold, as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the intersecting and oftentimes competing costs of housing and health care create an undue burden on our city's poorest and most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, spending public dollars to mitigate the effects of houselessness on the entire community serves a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City owns available land at the Municipal Farm, but is aware there may be other suitable locations; and

WHEREAS, community engagement plans involve engaging with nearby residents and stakeholders of any possible site locations being considered; and

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