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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 210317

Directing the City Manager to conduct a comprehensive study to identify the number of houseless individuals in the Kansas City workforce and to examine systemic impediments faced by houseless individuals in Kansas City and report findings of such study back to the City Council within 45 days.

WHEREAS, Kansas City is the hometown to as many as 1700 people in the houseless community, according to Project Homeless Connect Kansas City, with 370 people under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, members of the houseless community have expressed their desire to obtain jobs, to work and to support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, members of the houseless community have reported significant issues and difficulties obtaining employment without a home or apartment address, proper identification, access to transportation, access to hygienic facilities, gaps in employment history, and access to a telephone, computer or smartphone; and

WHEREAS, there are no current studies available to identify the number of houseless individuals in the Kansas City workforce; and

WHEREAS, there are no current studies available to examine systemic impediments the houseless face in obtaining jobs in Kansas City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City Manager is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive study that identifies the number of houseless individuals in the Kansas City workforce and examines systemic impediments the houseless face in obtaining employment due to lack of a home or apartment address, proper identification, access to transportation, access to hygienic facilities, gaps in employment history, access to a telephone, computer or smartphone, and any other factors not specifically mentioned herein that are determined to be pertinent, and to report back to the City Council within 45 days.

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