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City of San José & Gensler Unveil Conceptual Renderings for “Tiny Homes”

Event: The City of San José and its pro-bono partners from the Gensler architectural firm will unveil the conceptual renderings they have developed for potential Emergency Sleeping Cabins, also commonly referred to as “tiny homes.” Over the past year, Gensler has been assisting the Housing Department in developing design concepts for such a project that would combine a unique external aesthetic with a practical and comfortable interior design.

At today’s event, Gensler will unveil two conceptual designs (see below) for these unique housing units as well as a conceptual site design for a bridge housing community, and describe the various features they integrated into their designs in order to create a safe, secure and sustainable environment.



Note: large-scale renderings will be showcased during the press conference; FOLLOWING the event, high-resolution files will be posted on the following webpage: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/bridgehousingcommunities>.

When: Monday, December 4, 12:00 Noon

Where: Gensler’s San Jose Offices
225 West Santa Clara Street, Suite 1100, San Jose, CA 95113

Who: Jacky Morales-Ferrand, City of San Jose Housing Department
Khaing Sabe and Paul Pannell, Gensler
Mayor Sam Liccardo

In addition, a number of City Councilmembers, Community Partners and other stakeholders are expected to attend and be available for 1:1 interviews.

Background: In September 2016, AB 2176 was signed into law, providing the City of San José with the authority to pilot the construction of temporary housing structures on city-owned or city-leased property. Since that time City has been exploring the possibility of constructing one or more bridge housing communities made up of Emergency Sleeping Cabins (a.k.a “tiny” homes) for homeless individuals. As part of this effort, Gensler approached the City with a pro-bono offer to help create potential tiny home design concepts.

For more information on the City’s Bridge Housing Communities project, please read the following staff report:

<https://sanjose.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5672475&GUID=BBF539ED-7F11-47FE-A25F-7BFDE268B00F>

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