Item 9: Adoption of an Interim Ordinance to Allow 24-hour Safe Parking on City-owned Sites; and Approve a 3-year Lease With the County of Santa Clara for 2000 Geng Road
Safe Parking

Staff recommends that Council:

1. Find the proposed Interim Ordinance and approval of the lease agreement exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines;

2. Adopt an Interim Ordinance Amending Title 18 (Zoning) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Temporarily Allow 24-Hour Safe Parking on City Property in the PF Zoning District (PAMC Chapter 18.28), and Establishing Temporary Regulations Related to Safe Parking (PAMC Chapter 18.42); and

3. Approve the Three-Year Lease between the City (Landlord) and the County of Santa Clara (Tenant) for City property located at 2000 Geng Road, Palo Alto for Safe Parking.
Safe Parking

• Safe parking provides community members living in vehicles and recreational vehicles (RVs) a designated location which provides them with greater security and assistance than is otherwise available to those who remain on city streets.

• Provides on-site bathrooms and lot monitoring. Especially important during pandemic to have access to running water and restroom facilities and to limit the need to move frequently.

• Connects participants to social services to help participants find permanent housing they can afford.
Safe Parking & Homelessness

• Safe parking programs alone cannot resolve the issues related to homelessness and vehicle dwelling.

• Addressing homelessness, including, vehicle dwelling, requires a multi-pronged approach.

• Even with an effective and successful safe parking program, persons will remain homeless and/or dwelling in their vehicles in Palo Alto.
Safe Parking in Palo Alto

June 2019 - Colleagues Memo

2019 - Policy & Services Consideration

Jan. 2020 - Interim Ordinance for Tier 1 Congregation-Based Program

2020 - Learn & Develop Tier 2 & 3 Program

March 17, 2020 COVID-19

Sept. 2020 Tier 3 – 24 Hour Program on Public Land
Operational Standards

Standards are similar to the Tier 1 standards and are included in the ordinance and emphasized in the lease agreement.

• **Verified Partnership with the Santa Clara County Homeless Management Information System and Coordinated Entry System**
• **Contact Information posted on site**
• **Safe, Cleanly, and Orderly Premises**
• **No noise generated**
• **Required Facilities**
• **No leakage or disposal of contaminants on site.**
Implementing the Program

Lease
• City Council leases land to the County (36-month lease).
• The County, through contract, has selected Move Mountain View to operate the Safe Parking Program.
• County supports program through funding operator.
• Operator serves up to 12 households at the site.

Interim Ordinance
• Zoning Allows this use on PF zoned land through lease by the City Council
• Standards – Establishes operational standards
• Noticing – Notice owners and occupants w/in 600 ft in advance of City Council consideration of lease
2000 Geng Road

- Served as Temporary Fire Station during construction of fire station 3
- Zoned for Public Facilities (PF)
- Estimated to safely serve 12 vehicles/households
- Provides water, restrooms, showers, kitchen facilities