

September 2022 Monthly Update

Tune in monthly for an update on the development and progress of the Palm Springs Navigation Center.

As you may know, on August 24, 2022, Governor Newsom announced the \$19.1 million Homekey 2 award for the Springs Housing Navigation Campus in Palm Springs.¹ With the funding, the City and County will build 70 units of housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and 10 units of housing for transition aged youth. Additionally, two warehouse buildings will be rehabilitated for on-site services. Recently, the City chose architecture firm [John Friedman Alice Kimm \(JFAK\) Architects](#) to design the Navigation Center.²

The Resident Advisory Working Group had its initial meeting on August 16th and an off-cycle meeting on September 20th to obtain feedback on the design of the campus, allowing JFAK to consider and/or implement the input before finalizing the designs. Not only was the architectural firm in attendance, but County, City, LeSar Development Consultants, and Martha's Village and Kitchen representatives were there to listen, answer questions, and provide additional context. The feedback collected primarily focused on the following themes:

- **Specifically designed outdoor spaces**, such as murals, landscaping that fits in with the community, set aside smoking area, etc.
- **Concerns**, such as vehicular gate security, noise curfews, impact of wind, etc.
- **Additional considerations**, such as a community garden, additional shading, energy saving approaches, outdoor seating, etc.
- And **Volunteer opportunities**, such as assisting with forms for job applications, tutoring opportunities, and donations

¹ [In Los Angeles, Governor Newsom Announces \\$694 Million in Homekey Awards to Create More than 2,500 New Homeless Housing Units Statewide | California Governor](#)

² [3801_3C_OCR.pdf \(destinyhosted.com\)](#)