

City of Hesperia

STAFF REPORT



DATE: March 06, 2018

TO: Mayor and Council Members

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SUBJECT: Proposed San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health Facility
4.66 Acre Site/Northwest Corner of Main Street & Tamarisk Avenue

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council receive the information provided, and provide direction to staff regarding support of the proposed San Bernardino County Behavioral Health facility.

BACKGROUND

At the February 20, 2018 City Council Meeting, Council Member Paul Russ requested that staff initiate a letter of support for a San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Facility proposed within the City of Hesperia. Staff has been provided a "Conceptual Site Plan" for the above-referenced facility. The plan as presented includes an approximate 21,830 square foot Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) facility. This facility is intended to serve the population of the greater Victor- Valley, and not merely the residents of Hesperia.

The site plan depicts the DBH building located on the northerly portion of the property. Further, the plan illustrates the placement of three small (6,600 square feet, 9,000 square feet & 9,000 square feet) buildings targeted for retail use. These three retail buildings are generally placed along the Main Street and Tamarisk Avenue frontages. The attached exhibit (Exhibit "X") presents this preliminary site plan.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The phased project would develop the Behavioral Health Building first followed by the potential of the three retail buildings at some later time. The Behavioral Health Facility would provide the following services:

- CalWorks Mental Health Services to include Stress Management, Parenting, Life Skills, Anger Management, and Communication Skills
- Screening and Assessment Referral Center providing patient screening and referral services for substance abuse treatment options
- Community Crisis Response Team providing a mobile crisis response program for those experiencing mental health issues. Most services are provided in the field.
- AgeWise Program provides in-home behavioral health services to mentally ill older adults

Staff is requesting the City Council provide direction to staff on whether or not to take a position regarding this project at this time.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Proposed Department of Behavioral Health Facility Conceptual Site Plan