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To: Council Stewardship Subcommittee
From: Eric King, Cassie Lacey, and Shelly Smith
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Re: Shared Governance Structure

At the September 24th Council Stewardship Subcommittee meeting, there was an introduction to the idea and concept of a Shared Governance Structure to address new kinds of issues affecting the Community that fall outside of the City's core services and direct sphere of influence. Examples were noted such as addressing climate change (specifically), homelessness, wildfire resiliency, and diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Responding to these issues effectively is important but will require new ways of collaborating with other entities in the community, such as other public agencies, nonprofit and community-based organizations, and the private sector.

After discussion, Subcommittee members were asked their opinion of this concept and whether they felt they would be willing to speak with other local elected officials and board members and then report back to the Stewardship Subcommittee at the November 26th meeting. A Shared Governance Structure with the other public agencies may allow the City to better partner with the other agencies on community goal setting, planning, and service delivery to address these emerging issues.

During the November Subcommittee meeting, this discussion will continue based on feedback from Councilors. A generic template of this structure will be provided for review by the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Questions:

- What local elected officials and board members did you approach and were they open to this concept? Are there parameters or restrictions to their engagement?
- Do you have ideas on a governance model that would more effectively respond to these issues?
- How would you prefer to move forward with this concept?

