

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY COURT

February 19, 2025

- WHEREAS,** IN SEPTEMBER 2023, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD WAS AWARDED A FOUR YEAR, \$532,305 GRANT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE 2023 COMMUNITY COURTS INITIATIVE, A JOINT INITIATIVE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE AND THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION. WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRANT, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD INITIATED THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY COURT TO ADDRESS VIOLATIONS OF CITY'S MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES AND CERTAIN STATE CRIMES; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY COURT HELD ITS FIRST SESSION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2024, AS AN INNOVATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE APPROACH TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY BY CONNECTING INDIVIDUALS TO SERVICES AND RESOURCES TAILORED TO THEIR NEEDS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY COURT IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT INVOLVING THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, THE BROWARD COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS, HOLLYWOOD'S OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, BROWARD COUNTY'S STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICES. IT ALSO PARTNERS WITH VARIOUS SERVICE AND TREATMENT PROVIDERS SUCH AS HENDERSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, THE CARING PLACE BROWARD OUTREACH CENTER, THE TASKFORCE FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS, MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTERS (OIC) OF SOUTH FLORIDA, AMONG OTHERS.
- WHEREAS,** THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF AT-LARGE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND LOW-LEVEL FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT MISDEMEANANTS, AS WELL AS MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE OFFENDERS. WHILE HOLDING INDIVIDUALS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CONDUCT, IT AIMS TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF EACH DEFENDANT'S BEHAVIOR BY APPLYING A THERAPEUTIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE-BASED COMPONENT TO PUNISHMENT, CREATING SOLUTIONS THAT PROMOTE DIGNITY, STABILITY, AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; AND
- WHEREAS,** OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY COURT HAS EXEMPLIFIED A COMMITMENT TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, PROVIDING TAILORED ASSISTANCE, FOSTERING HOPE, AND REDUCING BARRIERS TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THIS INITIATIVE HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS AND STRENGTHENED OUR COMMUNITY'S RESOLVE IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS WITH CARE AND DETERMINATION.
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 19, 2025, AS:

THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY COURT
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.

SIGNED THIS 19TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 2025, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR IDELMA QUINTANA
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN BIEDERMAN