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## City Announces New Unified Mental Health Initiative: San Leandro Safe

*Joint-Partnership with Departments of Fire, Human Services, and Police*

San Leandro, CA: City Manager Fran Robustelli recently shared at a City Council meeting the formation of the new mental health initiative: San Leandro Safe. This cross-departmental initiative bifurcates Human Services from the Recreation division. The stand-alone Human Services Department will work collaboratively with Alameda County Fire Department and the San Leandro Police Department on mental health and homelessness services. San Leandro Safe was created after community feedback on how the City of San Leandro can better serve the most at-risk residents.

"The community's voice has spoken and tirelessly advocated for effective front-line services when addressing the needs of our vulnerable unhoused population," stated City Manager Fran Robustelli. "The Police Department is often stretched thin with daily field patrol responsibilities. They do not have the time or resources to 'case manage' complex personal needs and quality of life matters. Therefore, the three departments of Fire, Human Services, and Police will work as a unit on the daily human service needs of the community."

City Manager Fran Robustelli has appointed Ms. Kurry Foley as the acting director of the Human Services Department. "I'm honored and grateful to build on a solid foundation of programming and service delivery created by former director Jeanette Dong and past directors," stated Foley. "I will continue the commitment to amplifying the voices of the most vulnerable in our community." Ms. Foley has worked for the City of San Leandro since 2014.



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