

ATTACHMENT

For Item

#13

Tuesday,
February 8, 2022

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February 3, 2022

Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Board Agenda (February 8, 2022) Item #13: Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults

Dear Chair Fletcher, Vice-Chair Vargas, Supervisors Anderson, Lawson-Remer and Desmond:

Community HousingWorks, a 34 year old nonprofit founded and headquartered in San Diego County, provides over 3,700 homes for low-income working families, seniors and disabled persons as well as impactful resident services. We are proud members of the County's Live Well San Diego initiative and see the connection of stable homes and health.

Our residents span every age group, have individual backgrounds and stories, but have a common thread of needing a safe, stable home yet being priced out of the rental market. For our senior residents, we see their challenges of living on fixed incomes, having to count pennies to purchase groceries, especially in this period of rising inflation. But they have more security than those seniors who do not live in an affordable housing apartment, where their health and financial sustainability are threatened and even a small amount of income would make a difference – and literally could keep them from becoming homeless.

We reviewed the materials in Agenda Item #13, and support the proposal for a pilot program of shallow rent subsidy for seniors. Older adults represent the fastest growing age group of the people experiencing homelessness in San Diego. And shallow rent subsidy programs have proven to be a dignified and cost-effective way to keeping low-income seniors stably housed. We know that an ounce of homeless prevention is worth a pound of cure. Studies show that early intervention programs that keep people in their homes and prevent an experience of homelessness result in dramatically better life outcomes and public sector cost savings.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Your attention to this proposal, as well as any other measures that help prevent homelessness, makes a difference in our community, and we appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Jagodzinski
Senior Vice President



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February 1, 2022

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Vote YES to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to design a pilot shallow rental subsidy program for older adults who are low-income, rent-burdened, and at-risk of homelessness.

Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor Lawson-Remer's recommendation to design a pilot shallow rent subsidy program for seniors 55+ who are at-risk of homelessness.

Low-income older adults are the participants served by St. Paul's PACE, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. I have extensive knowledge of the challenges they face pertaining to housing affordability. A shallow rental subsidy in most cases would suffice in keeping seniors in their home and thriving in our program.

The St. Paul's PACE program has demonstrated over years a cost savings to the state by serving seniors in their homes. The program provides comprehensive medical, social and mental health services with a focus on preventative care. The services greatly reduce police and emergency response team's time and money. Through PACE or other programs, I agree keeping older adults housed provides the most cost savings to the state.

While we wait for more affordable housing units in San Diego County to be created, I support a rental subsidy. This is a smart and effective solution to keeping our adults housed. I urge you to vote yes to create a pilot program.

Thank you for your consideration and your careful attention to the needs of the County's low-income older adults.

Carol Hubbard
Chief Executive Officer
St. Paul's PACE

From: Floyd, Victoria
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Vizcarra, Nancy
Subject: FW: Support letter for Item 13 on Tues
Attachments: JFS Support Letter - BOS Homelessness Older Adults.docx

Hi Nancy,

Please see attached. Thanks!

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From: Chris Olsen <chriso@jfssd.org>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 1:59 PM
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Subject: [External] Support letter for Item 13 on Tues

Hi Victoria,

Attached please find a support letter from JFS San Diego for Item 13 on next Tuesday's Board agenda, Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults. I will also be calling in to testify in support.

Thank you,

Chris Olsen
[he/him]
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February 4, 2002

Re: Support for Item 13, 02-08-22, Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults

Dear Members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors:

Jewish Family Service of San Diego (JFS) joins with other homelessness services providers in our community in supporting the proposal by Supervisors Anderson and Lawson-Remer, "Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults". The proposal would direct County staff to develop a pilot shallow rent subsidy program throughout the County for seniors.

As a service provider operating four Safe Parking Program sites for people experiencing homelessness in San Diego County, JFS can attest to the life-changing impact that a shallow rent subsidy program would have for older adults experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. Approximately 60% of our Safe Parking Program participants are 55 years of age or older. JFS was pleased to participate in the 2021 Serving Seniors Needs Assessment, a survey of older adults that contributed to their report on this issue.

JFS wholeheartedly supports the proposal to create a shallow rent subsidy program and urges your approval. Upstream homelessness prevention solutions are key to the success of broader homelessness efforts in our region. We are grateful for the County's commitment to addressing homelessness and value the partnership of government agencies and nonprofit agencies in this work.

Sincerely,

Chris Olsen
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Jewish Family Service of San Diego