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For Item

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From: Christina Selder <christina.selder@serving seniors.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 2:46 PM
To: FGG, Public Comment
Subject: [External] Serving Seniors Letter of Support for 2/8 BOS meeting (Agenda Item #13)
Attachments: All_Serving Seniors Support Ltr Shallow Subsidies_2.8.22.pdf

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Please accept the attached in support of addressing older adult homelessness.

Best + many thanks!
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Christina Selder | Director of Community Engagement and Government Relations
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February 8th, 2022

RE: Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults (Districts: All)

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

This letter is to express our support for the proposed shallow subsidy program directly benefitting San Diego's seniors.

Our Senior Homelessness Needs Assessment clearly demonstrated that many older adults living on a fixed income, who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, felt that \$300 or less would improve their housing security. Los Angeles County, in partnership with the Salvation Army, has already enacted a shallow subsidy program for older adults and is reporting success within just two years of operation. Serving Seniors is in full support of the proposed initiative to implement a similar program locally.

Given the projected increase in the number of older adults, the ongoing economic challenges of saving adequately for retirement, rising costs, and an overall rise in longevity, the County must act now to ensure all San Diego's seniors have the opportunity to age well with dignity, security, and place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Downey".

Paul Downey, President/CEO

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