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**Subject:** [External] UPDATE THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS ACTION PLAN (Please include in agenda item 5)

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Hi Supervisors,

I am happy to hear that the County acknowledges that its efforts have done little for the Homelessness problem, and that it is time for another plan.

Unfortunately, the County seems to be mired in old data. The equity statement cites data from the 2022 point-in-time count of the Homeless. The point-in-time count this year was on January 26. I would think that a month later you would at least have a good estimate of the number, if not the actual.

We've talked enough about the homeless. What we need is action. The shelters you're advocating for and the Board's subsidized housing plan are a good start, but this is a multi-faceted problem. The #1 problem is really dignity, employment, quality of life. I keep hearing subsidized housing. But the homeless numbers keep growing. Housing for the homeless is not a magic bullet. Some of the homeless do not even want shelter. They would rather get their dignity back.

I do not think the political will is there to deal straightforwardly with the homeless housing problem and I hope that using another plan will give the faster action we have all been waiting for.

Regards,

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