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Hi Supervisors,

At last - funding for 4 or 5 housing projects including behavioral health facilities in-house.
Not sure why the actual report is not in the agenda.

My question is why can the housing and behavioral health facilities not be combined into existing structures. What concerns me is that the 4 new structures are a years-long project and are unlikely to accomodate all the homeless. Moreover, it would surely be cheaper to convert existing structures. I also think that minimal employment resources should be in those 4 developments outlined in the agenda. How many times can you kick the can down the road?

Another issue is how traditional building methods are slow – 2 years according to the board letter. Why not use quicker (and less expensive) construction such as 3-D printed houses, ‘tiny’ (prefab) houses, or shipping container houses? Another nice thing is that this would be able to better keep up with actual demand should the number of homeless suddenly spike or demand just melt away.

Regards,

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