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Good Afternoon, Supervisors,

I believe the biggest cause of veteran homelessness right now is landlords jacking up the rent. Another cause is providing only to 10% of housing for the truly low income (30% as defined by HUD.)

This is no way to solve the affordability or homeless crises. You should embrace less costly housing – 3D printed houses, tiny houses, shipping crate houses, adobe houses. Why do you keep approving housing or money-sucking bonds for housing developments that don't help the crises? There are so many better things for the County. Please take care of the County, not the state, not rich developers who care more about their own people.

And the behavioral health fee increase you may approve (if you do) will not be helpful either.

So yes, you should definitely encourage develop a social media campaign that targets landlords to encourage increased participation in the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program and using a by-name-list specific to veterans who have served us and now WE owe THEM.

Unfortunately, since VASH is a Federal program and may get its budget slashed, we need to do more for veterans locally, like reducing BHS fee increases, a by-name list, or special housing for veterans.

Regards,

Paul Henkin