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From: [Christina Selder](#)
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Good afternoon:

On behalf of **Serving Seniors**, please accept the attached as demonstrating our strong support of the proposed shared housing pilot program for San Diego’s older adults. The implementation of the SHOAP pilot would give organizations, like ours, **an additional tool** to prevent and end homelessness for thousands of older adults in San Diego County.

We applaud the Board for approving the original proposal to develop the pilot and recommend the Board now approve the pilot and seek to secure funding opportunities to ensure sustainability and success.

We remain available to connect your office with seniors who would be directly impacted by the implementation of this program.

Best and many thanks,
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RE: Support Letter – Approving a Pilot Shared Housing for Older Adults Program (SHOAP) to Prevent Homelessness among Older Adults (Districts: All)

On behalf of **Serving Seniors**, I am writing in strong support of the proposed shared housing pilot program for San Diego’s older adults. **For over 50 years**, Serving Seniors has provided a **broad array of services to help seniors in poverty thrive despite their low, fixed incomes**. These include permanent and transitional housing, nutritious meals, case management, enrichment/activities, and opportunities for advocacy. In recent years, we have **seen an alarming number** of the clients we serve **falling into homelessness** and even more **facing the possibility of first-time homelessness** in their 70s and 80s.

The implementation of the SHOAP pilot would give organizations, like ours, **an additional tool** to prevent and end homelessness for thousands of older adults in San Diego County.

We applaud the Board for approving the original proposal to develop the pilot and recommend the Board now approve the pilot and seek to secure funding opportunities to ensure sustainability and success.

We appreciate the Board’s commitment to addressing and, ultimately, ending older adult homelessness and remain committed to being part of the solution.

In partnership,

Paul Downey
President/CEO

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