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May 12, 2026

San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Letter of Support of the Proposed Action titled "Addressing Housing Needs for Transitional Age Youth Exiting Foster Care"

The Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Vista City Council respectfully submits this letter in strong support of the proposed action titled "Addressing Housing Needs for Transitional Age Youth Exiting Foster Care," scheduled for consideration on May 19, 2026.

The City of Vista is proud to partner with Dignity Moves, Casa de Amparo, TrueCare, and the County of San Diego on a transformative Homekey+ project that will create 35 units of permanent supportive housing dedicated to Transitional Age Youth (TAY) exiting foster care and at risk of or experiencing homelessness. This project represents an urgently needed investment in some of the region's most vulnerable young adults, many of whom face homelessness shortly after leaving the foster care system.

In addition to safe and stable housing, the project is designed to provide comprehensive supportive services, including behavioral health care, medical services, case management, education support, employment assistance, and life skills development. By integrating housing with services tailored to the unique needs of TAY, this development will provide residents with a meaningful pathway toward long-term stability and independence.

The City of Vista has committed \$2.2 million toward the project and has worked collaboratively with our nonprofit and healthcare partners to advance this effort. The proposed County contribution of up to \$1.8 million is essential to closing the remaining funding gap and leveraging more than \$10 million in anticipated State Homekey+ funding. Without this partnership, the opportunity to deliver this critically needed housing could be lost.

This project directly advances shared regional goals related to homelessness prevention, behavioral health, housing affordability, and equity. It also demonstrates the power of collaboration between local governments, nonprofit organizations, healthcare providers, and community stakeholders to address complex social challenges with thoughtful, lasting solutions.

On behalf of the Vista City Council, we respectfully urge your approval of this item and thank you for your continued leadership and partnership in addressing homelessness and housing instability throughout San Diego County.

Sincerely,

John Franklin
Mayor
City of Vista