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

Letter of Support Re: #24 A REGIONAL CAMPUS FOR HEALING: SOBER HOUSING AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT (GREEN OAK RANCH)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1979 by a handful of faith communities to address the needs of low-income, homeless and under-served people in North San Diego. Interfaith Community Services has been *helping people help themselves* for over 45 years by empowering people experiencing homelessness to stabilize and improve their lives through comprehensive programs in partnership with diverse faith communities and people of compassion. These services include basic needs, housing, counseling, employment services, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation as necessary for each individual to achieve independent and thriving lives.

It is our pleasure on behalf of Interfaith Community Services to submit this letter of support for a regional campus of healing, sober housing and behavioral health treatment at Green Oak Ranch. This location is absolutely perfect for providing a peaceful healing safe haven for those in need of rehabilitation and housing. This initiative will help save lives by serving those hard-to-reach individuals with severe mental illness and/or substance use problems who are living on the street and have been unable or unwilling to participate in traditional treatment and supportive services. It is absolutely a critical and important time to be able to provide this type of therapeutic service to those who otherwise cannot or will not seek it elsewhere.

As a committed and trusted community partner, we look forward to a positive decision. We 100% support this effort and are available to answer any questions as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Anglea".

Greg Anglea
Chief Executive Officer
Cohn Family Executive Director Chair

Valdivia, Janely

From: henkinp@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Desmond, Jim; Anderson, Joel; MontgomerySteppe, Monica; Vargas, Nora (BOS);
Lawson-Remer, Terra
Cc: FGG, Public Comment
Subject: [External] REGIONAL CAMPUS FOR HEALING: GREEN OAK RANCH (PLEASE INCLUDE
WITH DOCUMENTS FOR AGENDA #24)

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Hi Supervisors,

You want to buy Green Oak Ranch (in Vista) for about \$12 million for a sobering and homeless center.

The Parcel is about 110 acres, 63 of which is a nature preserve. From the air, the 'developed' part looks like it would need a huge amount of rehabilitation to serve as a homeless and sober housing center.

Since Green Oak Ranch is already being used as a faith-based sober living program, there will hopefully be no problems with neighbors complaining about rowdy behavior, like Windsor Pointe in Carlsbad.

But we would be spending \$300K for a deposit on buying the property, a mere 2.5% to get you on the hook, but then the FISCAL IMPACT section says we will be spending \$12 mil for acquisition and maintenance prior to improvements. And then there will be costs for improvement and annual maintenance, so we could easily be saddled with multi-million costs each year. So that's \$109 thou/acre just for acquisition of the property.

Sounds like an expensive fool's errand to me, and you should reject this crazy proposal.

Regards,

Paul Henkin



April 26, 2024

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Re: #24 A Regional Campus for Healing: Sober Housing and Behavioral Health Treatment (Green Oak Ranch)

The San Diego Rescue Mission has been serving those experiencing homelessness for over 70 years. While we are encouraged about the work we are doing we have seen this problem become a crisis. 624 people died in 2023 who were considered homeless. Something has to change and we need to be more strategic in our approach.

We fully support a regional campus at Green Oak Ranch and am certain this new facility dedicated to the approach they are prescribing, will save lives. Green Oak is strategically located in North County and will be a Lifeline for those in need of board and care, recovery or detox beds. We look forward to working closely with the County to change the state of homelessness in San Diego.

Please let us know if there is anything additionally, we can do in support of this project.

Lord bless...



Donnie Dee
President/CEO



Paul Armstrong
VP of Programs