

# ATTACHMENT

For Item

#29

Tuesday,  
September 27, 2022

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**From:** Floyd, Victoria  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:32 AM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** FW: [External] East County Vet CTR  
**Attachments:** East County Veterans Center Letter of Support .docx

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Please see attached for Public Comment on Item #29

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**From:** Rodney Slavin <rlslavin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 5:28 PM  
**To:** Floyd, Victoria <Victoria.Floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] East County Vet CTR

Please add me to the list of veterans supporting this proposal.

Rodney L. Slavin  
Commander  
American Legion Post 364

Via email: [Publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Publiccomment@sdcounty.ca.gov)

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

23 September 2022

Dear Chair Nathan Fletcher and the County Board of Supervisors,

Rodney L. Slavin is pleased to support the policy proposal on the September 27, 2022 agenda, "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

It is so important to assist our veterans in successfully transitioning from military service, adjusting to civilian life, and securing meaningful employment and services through community collaboration, the integration of services and the implementation of best practice tools which facilitate self-sufficiency and prosperity.

There is currently a County-operated Veterans Center in each supervisorial district, except for District 2, despite East County being home to the largest number of veterans in the region. "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County" asks the County team to reimagine the way that services are provided to veterans at existing Military and Veteran Resource Centers, and to create a new intergenerational Center in East County for veterans and their families. It also asks for the new Center to have a housing component for veterans, which many of our District 2 veterans will benefit from.

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Veterans and their families may at times experience difficulty adjusting to life after their military service has ended. I ask the Board of Supervisors to support this item in the hopes we can better support our local heroes and provide new opportunities for them to be successful now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney L. Slavin

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**From:** Floyd, Victoria  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 6:32 AM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Workforce Housing PSAR Support Letter  
**Attachments:** PSAR County Board Letter - Workforce Housing Item 22.pdf

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Please see attached for public comment for Item #22. Thank you!

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**From:** Tracy Morgan Hollingworth <tmhollingworth@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 5:15 PM  
**To:** Floyd, Victoria <Victoria.Floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Workforce Housing PSAR Support Letter

Tori - Sorry for the delay in getting you our letter.

Please share it with the other Sups staff.

Will tune in to hear how it goes.

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September 26, 2022

Honorable Nathan Fletcher  
San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 300  
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Item 22 – SUPPORT INCREASING THE REGION'S WORKFORCE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Chairman Fletcher and Board Members:

Thank you for making home ownership a priority of the County of San Diego. For years, the Pacific Southwest Association of REALTORS® (PSAR) has been advocating for the construction of new home ownership opportunities. We have vigorously raised awareness of this critical need at the ballot box, in city council meetings, in the community, and in the courts.

We support the Board of Supervisors approval of the proposed Workforce Housing Opportunities recommendations and the request for the County Administrative Officer to return to the Board in six months to advise on how the county can create opportunities for the financing of housing for the missing middle class. Yesterday, the New York times ran an enlightening article called "[What Happened to the Starter Home](#)." We hope that policies are created focused on not simply building more rental units, but also designed to help those of moderate and low income become homeowners.

There are numerous economic and regulatory barriers that discourage developers from building both attached and detached "for-purchase" housing for all levels of income. In the absence of this housing, California focuses only on the construction of investor-owned apartment buildings.

The price of housing is out of reach to those with incomes up to 120 percent of median income, this restricts future generations from building intergenerational wealth and a better quality of life for themselves and their families.

On behalf of the 3,500 Real Estate professionals in San Diego County who belong to PSAR, thank you for your consideration of housing policies that will provide homeowner opportunities to potential homeowners and adopt a long-range housing strategy.

We look forward to participating in any future stakeholder meetings to help the county develop a comprehensive program that will enable the region's residents achieve the American dream.

Sincerely,

*Max Zaker*

Max Zaker  
President, PSAR

*Richard D'Ascoli*

Richard D'Ascoli  
CEO, PSAR

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**From:** Chris Yates <cyates2002@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 8:20 AM  
**To:** Floyd, Victoria; FGG, Public Comment; NurseRobyn@protonmail.com  
**Subject:** [External] Prioritizing our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County

Dear Chair Nathan Fletcher and the County Board of Supervisors,

I enthusiastically support the policy proposal on the September 27, 2022 agenda, "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

It is so important to assist our veterans in successfully transitioning from military service, adjusting to civilian life, and securing meaningful employment and services through community collaboration, integrating services, and implementing best practice tools that facilitate self-sufficiency and prosperity. There is currently a County-operated Veterans Center in each supervisorial district, except for District. 2, despite East County being home to the largest number of veterans in the region. "Prioritizing our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County" asks the County team to reimagine the way that services are provided to veterans at existing Military and Veteran Resource Centers and to create a new intergenerational Center in East County for veterans and their families. It also asks for the new Center to have a housing component for veterans, which many of our District 2 veterans will benefit from.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**From:** Floyd, Victoria  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 9:46 AM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Reintegration Center  
**Attachments:** VFW Veteran\_1.pdf

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**From:** Wendy M Calderon <anchorwmc30@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 9:10 AM  
**To:** Floyd, Victoria <Victoria.Floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Reintegration Center

Good Morning,

I received the email yesterday afternoon. I absolutely support this effort to help Veterans. I am the Commander for Lakeside VFW Post 5867. If you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,  
Wendy M. Calderon  
6192599727  
Ret. Navy Chief



Via email: [PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:PublicComment@sdcounty.ca.gov)

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

23 September 2022

Dear Chair Nathan Fletcher and the County Board of Supervisors,

Wendy M. Calderon is pleased to support the policy proposal on the September 27, 2022 agenda, "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

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Respectfully submitted,

Wendy M. Calderon (Ret. Navy Veteran)  
VFW Post Commander  
Lakeside, CA.



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**From:** Cesar Peraza <Cesar.Peraza@tmi-inc.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** [External] "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

Board of Supervisors County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335 San Diego, CA 92101  
23 September 2022

Dear Chair Nathan Fletcher and the County Board of Supervisors,

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Toward Maximum Independence**  
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**From:** Johnson, Jamaela S  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 1:06 PM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** FW: Join us to Support Veterans in SD County  
**Attachments:** SD County Vet Hire Support SEPT 2022.pdf; Vet Center Support SEPT 2022.pdf

Hello,

I am forwarding these letters of support on behalf of Mark Balmert for Board Items 28 and 29.

Best,  
Jamaéla



**Jamaéla S. Johnson** (*She/Her/Hers*)

Community Representative  
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**From:** Mark Balmert <ceo@sdmac.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:02 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Jamaela S <JamaelaS.Johnson@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: Join us to Support Veterans in SD County

Here are two letters of support and I will try to participate by phone as well.

Mark



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September 22, 2022

San Diego County Board Of Supervisors

1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335

San Diego, CA 92101

Establishing a Veteran Center in San Diego East County

Dear Chair Fletcher and Supervisors,

San Diego County is home to nearly 250,000 veterans, and they reside throughout our County. Many are actively employed in "second careers", some are retired but remain active as volunteers, and many are newly transitioned and trying to navigate finding employment in a high cost part of our country. Both Federal and California Veterans Affairs offer great benefits for these veterans, but unfortunately navigating the claims and benefits bureaucracy can be overwhelming and thus many veterans do not take advantage of their benefits, due in part to the many challenges of registering and applying. Many of our veterans reside in the San Diego East County, and establishing a Veteran Center in this area would reach a great number of veterans. .

The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization established in 2004 to advocate on behalf of the military, their families, and veterans in the San Diego region. SDMAC's advocacy efforts include working with our community business leaders and elected officials to improve their understanding of the important contributions made by the military. SDMAC annual Military Economic Impact Studies document the positive impact from Defense budgets and military personnel pay and compensation on our local and state economies. San Diego County has a very large veteran population and they need your help.

The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) most strongly supports this initiative to bring a Veteran Center to our East County. Please contact me at 619-299-3762 or [ceo@SDMAC.org](mailto:ceo@SDMAC.org) if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mark Balmert

President & CEO

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**From:** Johnson, Jamaela S  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 1:10 PM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Subject:** FW: Veteran Support  
**Attachments:** Veteran Support BL.pdf

Hello,

I am forwarding these letters of support on behalf of Jalitza "Jolly" Cardona for Board Items 28 and 29.

Best,  
Jamaéla



**Jamaéla S. Johnson** (*She/Her/Hers*)

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**From:** Jalitza Cardona <jalitza.cardona@turnbhs.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:24 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Jamaela S <JamaelaS.Johnson@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Veteran Support

Hello

I'm sorry this was late. The document is signed.

Jalitza "Jolly" Cardona  
Community Liaison  
Courage to Call  
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Chair Nathan Fletcher  
County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101

DATE

Dear Chair Nathan Fletcher,

The **Courage to Call** is pleased to support the policy proposals on the September 27, 2022 agenda, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" and "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County."

Veterans are important to **Courage to Call** because **our organization** support military and their families with various needs. We are committed to helping veterans and their loved ones get the services and assistance they need and deserve.

These two Items will be beneficial to San Diego County veterans. The first, "Increasing Veterans in the County Workforce: Hiring San Diego Heroes" would have the County of San Diego reexamine its own workplace policies and find ways to increase veteran recruitment and retention with the aim of doubling County worker veteran employment by 2030. The second, "Prioritizing Our Veterans: Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration in East County" asks our County team to reimagine the way we provide services to veterans, and create a new veterans service center in East County.

San Diego veterans play a critical role in our lives, economy, and community. As of 2021, more than 200,000 veterans call San Diego County their home with an average of approximately 7,000 active-duty service members deciding to settle in San Diego County after leaving military service. This large and important group of people, who served our nation to protect our rights, deserve the utmost respect and support when reintegrating into civilian life.

Veterans may at times experience difficulty adjusting to life after their military service has ended. I ask the Board of Supervisors to support both of these items in the hopes we can better support our local heroes and provide new opportunities for them to be successful now and in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jalitza Cardona**

**Community Liaison**

**Courage to Call**

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**From:** Roque, Robert <Robert.Roque@sen.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2022 3:13 PM  
**To:** FGG, Public Comment  
**Cc:** Sleeper, Maggie; Floyd, Victoria; Hayes, Andrew  
**Subject:** [External] Senator Brian W. Jones - Item 29 - September 27, 2022  
**Attachments:** LOS\_CountyMilitaryandVeteransResourceCenter.pdf

To whom it may concern:

Please see the attached letter from Senator Brian W. Jones. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Robert J. Roque**  
District Representative  
***Office of Senator Brian W. Jones***  
Office (619) 596-3136



# California State Senate

SENATOR BRIAN W. JONES  
THIRTY-EIGHTH SENATE DISTRICT



September 21, 2022

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335  
San Diego, CA 92101-2470

**RE: Support for Establishing a Center for Military and Veteran Reintegration (CMVR) in East County**

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write in support of Chair Nathan Fletcher's and Supervisor Joel Anderson's Board Letter to establish a center for military and veteran reintegration (CMVR) in East San Diego County.

San Diego County has long held a reputation as a community with one of the largest concentrations of military personnel and veterans in the United States. In fact, many of my constituents who reside in the 38<sup>th</sup> State Senate District are active military personnel or retired veterans. However, despite the fact that East County houses the largest percentage of veterans in the area, the County of San Diego does not currently operate a CMVR in the region.

The *Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William "Bill" Mulder Transition Improvement Act of 2021* outlines a proven and nationally recognized CMVR model to help integrate veterans and their families into civilian life after completing their military careers. By providing such a "one-stop-shop" to offer information and services to our military community, the County can will be able to better serve veterans in East County and across the region.

The men and women who serve in our armed forces have dedicated and sacrificed so much of their lives in the service and protection of our nation. Given that the transition to civilian life after a career in military service can oftentimes be challenging and difficult to navigate, the creation of a centralized veteran resource center in East County would be a significant boon to the military population in the area. For these reasons, I support Chair Fletcher's and Supervisor Anderson's Board Letter to construct a CMVR in East San Diego County.

If you have any further questions on my recommendation, please do not hesitate to call my office at 619-596-3136. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian W. Jones".

Brian W. Jones  
State Senator, District 38