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Good Morning, Supervisors,

Re-2025-29 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26
ANNUAL PLAN STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME
INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PERSONS WITH AIDS AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

HHSA goals are

- 1. Affordable Housing Opportunities-Invest in housing options that both expand the affordable housing stock and increase efficiency and affordability within the existing housing supply.
- 2. Housing Stability-Strengthen and support housing stability amongst the region's most vulnerable populations by supporting programs across the homeless to housed continuum.
- 3. Improve quality of life throughout communities by improving access to vital services, community infrastructure, and economic development opportunities.

Lo and behold, the key needs identified are what is already being done.

Then, the goals are basically the same as the goals-not terribly creative.

So, a few suggestions:

1. Affordability: The primary drivers of unaffordability are greed of large developers such as Blackrock.
2. Increase Housing Stock-You need something sooner than the 2 years or so that traditional housing takes to build. Mark and I keep suggesting 3-D printed houses. I also suggest 'tiny' houses, or shipping crate houses. Also things like adobe construction. These are quicker to build and will align more closely with actual current housing needs, not add to the 8 year applicant list we hear about. And of course when the market does take off or people needing housing decreases, you won't have as big an oversupply. And it is far less expensive to build these, modify these, or tear them down if you need.
3. Services: We need to provide mental health, behavioral, and other health services all over the County. We have made a good start, but most of the big centers with more complete services are still concentrated in the big coastal cities. Even the new supposedly central location at Alvarado Hospital is in La Mesa, not terribly central considering the size of this County. Although I notice a clinic in Alpine is mentioned in the letter. That's positive.