

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Time: 04-22-25 09:00

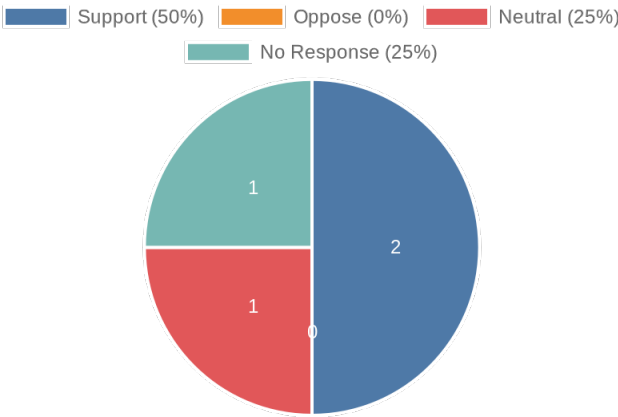
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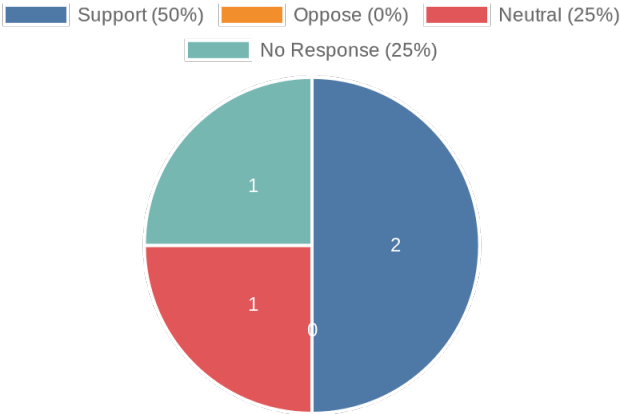
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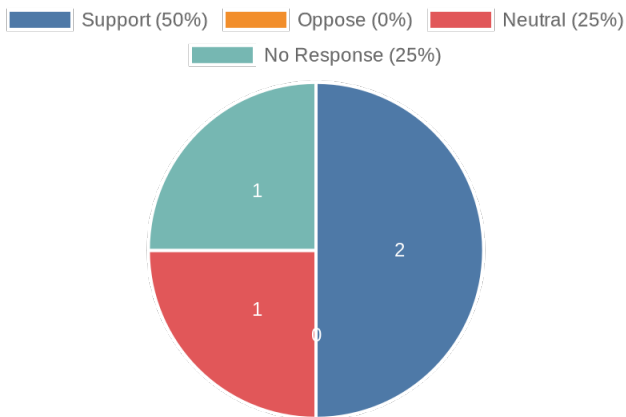
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Agenda Item: eComments for 19. ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

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Max Stone

Location: 92126

Submitted At: 10:41am 04-22-25

San Diego's HUD-VASH program has housed over 1,000 homeless veterans since 2008, reaching 2,000 active vouchers by 2024. With 1,285 vouchers allocated, it offers case management and mental health services, reducing veteran homelessness by 52% nationally since 2010. Partnerships with SDHC and nonprofits, plus \$29M in 2023 funding, bolster success. A 2024 HUD policy change improved eligibility by excluding disability benefits from income calculations.

However, San Diego's tight rental market is a hindrance, and landlord reluctance limits voucher use. Limited funding leaves some veterans underserved despite high demand. While effective, the program struggles to scale amid resource constraints, especially due to California putting illegal immigrants (i.e. potential votes) first. Pretty sad actually. You all need to work together, along with vets, to solve this (challenging) problem.

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Location:

Submitted At: 9:29pm 04-21-25

Homeless veterans need to be prioritized over convicted violent criminal illegal foreigners. PERIOD!

Zach Schlagel

Location: 92101, San Diego

Submitted At: 8:01pm 04-21-25

On behalf of PATH, we want to thank Supervisor Desmond for bringing forward this item to ensure that less Veterans will experience homelessness here in San Diego County. While Veteran homelessness is at the lowest recorded level nationwide, we know there is more work to do and that no Veteran should be homeless. PATH has the privilege to serve nearly 500 Veterans in San Diego and stand ready to help as needed if you choose to move forward with this item. Once this item proves successful, we hope that the Board will consider extending some of these programs to other vulnerable groups, such as seniors or youth. Thank you for continuing to push for solutions that will ensure those who fought for our country won't end up on the street.

Paul Henkin

Location: 91902, Bonita

Submitted At: 5:20pm 04-17-25

I believe the biggest cause of veteran homelessness right now is landlords jacking up the rent. Another cause is providing only 5 Or 10% of housing for the truly low income (30% as defined by HUD.)

You should embrace less costly housing – 3D printed houses, tiny houses, shipping crate houses, adobe houses. Why do you keep approving housing or money-sucking bonds for housing developments that don't help the crises? Please take care of THIS County.

And the behavioral health fee increase you just approved (if they did) is not helpful either.

So yes, you should definitely encourage develop a social media campaign that targets landlords to encourage increased participation in the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program and using a by-name-list specific to veterans who have served us and now WE owe THEM.

Unfortunately, since VASH is a Federal program and may get its budget slashed, we need to do more for veterans locally, like reducing BHS fee increases.