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For Item

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Chair Nora Vargas and County Board of Supervisors 1600 Pacific Coast Highway Fourth Floor, Room 402 San Diego, CA 92101

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RE: Agenda Item #21, July 16, 2024 – Authorize and Approve Actions Related to Compassionate Emergency Solutions and Pathways to Housing Projects Which May Include Establishing Appropriations, Executing Lease, Contract Amendments for Emergency Housing Sites - **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Vargas and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The League of Women Voters of San Diego and the League of Women Voters of North County San Diego support actions to develop the Troy Street site in Lemon Grove for placement of Sleeping Cabins. The League of Women Voters believes that every person and family should have decent, safe and affordable housing and further, that it is the responsibility of federal, state and local governments to finance and provide services that meet the basic needs of those unable to work, whose earnings are insufficient, or for whom work is unavailable. There is no need more basic for humans than safe shelter.

The County has a responsibility to provide for the needs of people experiencing homelessness throughout the unincorporated area. The Board's resourcefulness in quickly identifying, evaluating and accommodating Troy Street as a second-choice option, including the financial alternatives, is in keeping with the crisis our area is facing.

The number of unsheltered people in the unincorporated area represents nearly 20 percent of the County's total unsheltered individuals according to the latest 2024 Point-in-Time Count conducted by the Regional Task Force on Homelessness. This plan meets the County's responsibility by concentrating shelter and services in a location that can provide counseling, food, transportation, document retrieval, and storage of property while leveraging available land and funding.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the Troy Street Sleeping Cabins and continue to move expediently to respond to the growing unsheltered population.

Thank you for considering our input.

Respectfully submitted,

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