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Good Morning, Supervisors,

Re-AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINIANS; AND APPLY FOR FUTURE FUNDING

Why only Afghans and Ukranians? The Board Letter even says "The County of San Diego (County)...was awarded two additional funding allocations...to continue providing supportive services to assist refugees and newly arrived immigrants. Nothing about which nationalities.

In fact, The letter says the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA),...collaborates with local communities and Resettlement Agencies to ensure that services are accessible to all. There is no additional documentation to explain why only Afghans and Ukranians.

And as for housing assistance, the biggest help you could give is to limit rent increases to the cost of living. Other help would include building the cheaper and much quicker housing which Mark and I keep suggesting.