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For Item

#13

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From: Floyd, Victoria
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Vizcarra, Nancy
Subject: FW: Shallow Rent Subsidy BL for seniors BL
Attachments: Letter of Support SD Shallow Rental Subsidies 2.7.22.docx

Hi Nancy,

Please see attached for likely the last letter of support. Do you mind copying the correct Clerk account?

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From: Zachary Schlagel <ZacharyS@epath.org>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 2:45 PM
To: Floyd, Victoria <Victoria.Floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Shallow Rent Subsidy BL for seniors BL

Hi Victoria,

Attached you will find our letter of support. As mentioned, we have a staff member calling in tomorrow to support via public comment.

Is there anything else we can help with on this item?

Thanks,
Zach

Zach Schlagel
He/Him/His
Senior Director of Public Policy
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From: Floyd, Victoria <Victoria.Floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:51 PM

To: Zachary Schlagel <ZacharyS@epath.org>

Subject: FW: Shallow Rent Subsidy BL for seniors BL

Hi Zach,

Please see attached for Supervisor Anderson and Supervisor Lawson-Remer's Board Letter coming before the Board on Tuesday the 8th entailing a shallow rent subsidy pilot program for seniors. Senior homelessness is exponentially on the rise and this BL helps to address this with a preventive approach on the front end and the providing of a few hundred dollars a month to seniors on the verge of homelessness vs. \$2,000-6,000 dollars a month per individual to front costs for emergency sheltering . It would be great to get a letter of support and any kind of testimony during the hearing that PATH can offer. Let me know if you have any questions! Thanks!

Victoria Floyd

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February 8, 2022

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, Chair
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults

Dear Chair Fletcher and Honorable Supervisors:

On behalf of PATH (People Assisting The Homeless), I am writing in support of the motion from Supervisors Joel Anderson and Terra Lawson-Remer, designing San Diego County's first shallow rental subsidy program for older adults who are low-income, rent-burdened, and at-risk of homelessness.

As you know, PATH is California's largest homeless service provider, serving 13% of the State's homeless population in six regions, 150 cities, and 60 locations. We operate five supportive housing sites and 24 programs in San Diego County, where we provide on-site supportive services for people as they transition out of homelessness.

Homelessness is devastating for any individual, but the trauma of unsheltered life is especially hard on our elders. Older adults experiencing homelessness or housing instability fall through gaps in the system, with unique needs requiring specialized gerontological training that service providers sometimes lack. Many older adults report feeling unsafe at emergency shelters, where acute health risk factors can go overlooked or occasionally exploited.

Our staff work hard to end homelessness, but our jobs are made easier when we can prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place. Because many older adults live on a fixed income and often confront technological or mobility obstacles, housing assistance programs that emphasize simplicity and remote access are crucial. This proposed rental subsidy is straightforward and, if implemented properly, likely to succeed.

We especially appreciate the referral motion's focus on early intervention to keep people in their homes. Early intervention results in the least amount of trauma for the individuals involved and is cost-effective when compared to emergency shelter operating costs. Ending homelessness must include preventing people from becoming homeless at all.

We strongly support this referral motion and urge your aye vote. You can reach our Senior Director of Public Policy, Zach Schlagel, with any questions at (619) 709-4677.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Hark Dietz
Executive Director
PATH

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From: Floyd, Victoria
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 3:12 PM
To: FGG, Public Comment; Vizcarra, Nancy
Subject: FW: Comments for February 8th meeting
Attachments: info_20220207_155958.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Nancy,

Attached is another letter of support for Item #13.

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From: Rick Wilson <RickW@eastcountychamber.org>
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To: Floyd, Victoria <Victoria.Floyd@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Cc: Bonnie Baranoff <bonnie@frontmatter.pub>
Subject: [External] Comments for February 8th meeting
Importance: High

Please see the attached comments for the February 8th meeting. Thank you

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Lunch & Learn w/ Steve Black February 9th @ The Chamber

Veterans East County Alliance February 9th @ The Chamber

Ribbon Cutting Rebranding Dave Ray Coaching & Consulting February 11th @ The Chamber

Business After Hours Mixer February 18th @ The East County Art Association

Business After Hours Mixer w/ Santee Chamber February 24th @ Santee Sportsplex

East County Honors Awards Gala February 27th @ Sycuan Casino Resort

Ethics in Business March 22nd @ Mt. Miguel High School

Dine & Dialogue with Congresswoman Sara Jacobs March 24th @ The Chamber

Health Fair Saturday April 23rd @ Grossmont Center



February 7, 2022

County of San Diego
Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Coast Highway
San Diego, CA 92101-2478

Dear County of San Diego Board of Supervisors,

I am reaching out to you today regarding three items on the February 8 agenda:

- Adopt the revised Comprehensive Homeless Policy (Item 1)
- Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults (Item 13)
- Receive an Update on and Approve Actions Related to Compassionate Emergency Solutions and Pathways to Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness (Item 14)

The East County Homeless Task Force, a San Diego Regional East County Chamber Foundation program, would like to express its support for these items. As the need is great in East County for relief regarding the homeless population, we are requesting the Board of Supervisors approve all three.

If you require more information about the San Diego Regional East County Chamber of Commerce or the East County Homeless Task Force, feel free to contact me at 619-440-6161 or at rickw@eastcountychamber.org.

Respectfully,

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Rick Wilson
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To: FGG, Public Comment; Vizcarra, Nancy
Subject: FW: [External] Letter of Support for Item 13 by San Diego Housing Federation
Attachments: SDHF letter of support CountyBOS Item 13-Older Adult Homelessness pilot program (1).pdf

Hi Nancy,

Please see attached for a letter of support from the Housing Federation. Thanks!

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Hi Victoria,

Happy Monday. Attached is a letter of support from San Diego Housing Federation on Item 13: Addressing Homelessness among Older Adults. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you

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RE: ITEM 13. ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the San Diego Housing Federation, I am writing to support Item 13 –Addressing Homelessness Among Older Adults. Founded in 1990, the San Diego Housing Federation serves as the collective voice of those who support, build, finance, and operate affordable housing in the San Diego region.

A shallow rent subsidy program would greatly improve the lives of older adults in the San Diego region. By providing a rent subsidy, the county can aide the one in four of San Diego's homeless adults who areover the age of 55. Older adults represent the fastest growing age group of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego. Among this group of unsheltered older adults, 88% became homeless in San Diego County and 43% are experiencing homelessness for the first time in their lives. There are 2,000 older adults that are actively homeless, and this number is projected to triple over the next decade.

The pilot program will aid older San Diegans who are imminently at-risk of homelessness. A subgroup of the intended pilot program are Black, Indigenous, or older adults of color, who are more likely to face extreme rent burden and are at a much greater risk of becoming homeless. This preventative initiative will hopefully be just the start of action that the County has laid out for its homelessness framework.

For these reasons, we support the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in supporting the pilot shallow rental subsidy program for older adults who are low-income, rent burdened, and at-risk of homelessness. We thank you for your consideration of our comments and look forward to working with the Board of Supervisors to support the County addressing homelessness among older adults.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Russell
Chief Executive Officer

San Diego's Voice for Affordable Housing

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