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Hello,

Please find attached letter of support RE item #5 & #26 for tomorrow's Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Thank you,

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RE: San Diego County Board of Supervisors Regular meeting April 9, 2024 - Item #5 & #26

Date: 4/8/24

Dear Chairperson Vargas & Honorable Board Members:

I'm Jimmy Silverwood, President of Affirmed Housing, the developer of Windsor Pointe in Carlsbad. Our company consistently ranks among the top ten affordable housing developers in the state and has successfully developed affordable housing projects in each of your districts. These communities are renowned for their beauty, awards, and providing safe environments for our residents. Over the past eight years, we have also dedicated ourselves to providing housing for our most vulnerable citizens, our unhoused neighbors, with 1,000 supportive housing homes now operational throughout the state.

Today, I wish to address Windsor Pointe in Carlsbad. What distinguishes Windsor Pointe from most permanent supportive housing is its inclusion of homes designated for our No Place Like Home (NPLH) tenants, who have diagnosed serious mental illnesses. Residents are referred through Coordinated Entry and the County, and neither Affirmed nor our property management select placements.

Upon developing Windsor Pointe, we anticipated robust services provided by the County for our NPLH clients/residents. Unfortunately, this wasn't the case when we opened (in terms of *onsite* support) and while it's improved over the past 6 months we continue to need additional *onsite* support from the County. Onsite support is what makes these supportive housing developments successful and we're confident that with additional onsite support, along with our current onsite provider Interfaith Community Services, that the project will be an even greater success. While many residents are thriving in their new safe homes and complying with rules, there are a few residents who are not yet prepared for housing.

The Carlsbad City Council shares these concerns, as evidenced by their recent public hearing on the matter. Over the past 6-12 months, we have been working closely with the City, County staff, property management, service providers, etc., to find solutions.

We understand the complexity of this issue, which is one of the most pressing of our time. With this discussion, it is critical not to undermine the Housing First model, which we proudly stand behind and which has proven successful throughout San Diego County and the State, including with our 1,000+ supportive housing apartments in operations. There isn't a 'one size fits all' method to how to operate any one property in terms of security or 24/7 personnel. However, for Windsor Pointe, we require additional assistance from the County and staff to properly support our residents. This includes the recommendations outlined in both Item 5 and Item 26 before you today. These recommendations entail additional support from properly trained county staff to assist SMI residents onsite, along with funding allocations to cover associated costs such as enhanced check-ins and additional security. These activities can be funded through existing No Place Like Home reserves and/or other designated County funds.

We look forward to working closely with County staff, in hopes of implementing the recommendations if approved.

Lastly, we'd like to extend our gratitude to both Supervisor Desmond and Supervisor Lawson Remer and their staff for bringing forth these recommendations here today- recognizing that we at Affirmed are housing providers; and we need the support of our local government to continue to house some of the most vulnerable folks of our society- on their road to stabilizing their lives and getting back on their feet.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Silverwood
President
Affirmed Housing