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Hello,

I hope this finds you well. Please find below PATH's full comment in support of Item 9 on tomorrow's Regular Meeting agenda (SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS). An abridged version has been submitted through the e-comment portal, and we wish to register a more detailed comment for the public record:

Thank you to Supervisor Lawson-Remer and staff for their commitment to this effort. As one of the largest homeless service providers in San Diego and across California, we strongly support efforts to finance affordable housing across the County swiftly and equitably.

Homes end homelessness. San Diego's current lack of consistent, long-term funding for affordable housing throttles the homelessness response system, prolonging our neighbors' time in shelters or sidewalks, and leaves hundreds of thousands of San Diegans just a few missed paychecks away from losing their homes. More of our neighbors are falling into homelessness than we can house, according to the most recent Point-in-Time Count figures. We need a sustained regional response, and we need it now.

Housing finance proposals in the Bay Area and Los Angeles demonstrate the impact of a coordinated, swift, inclusive process to formulate new tools to finance affordable housing. We would support and be willing to participate in a collaborative process that includes the County, cities, advocates, developers, service providers, and people with lived experience of housing insecurity and homelessness. Together, we can use our collective will to bring a sustainable, ongoing regional funding source to help address homelessness in our region.

Thank you!

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