

February 27, 2018

Dear Board of Supervisors,

In the 2014 Housing Element the first two Implementation Measures are a establishing a Housing Trust Fund and pursuing funding for housing programs.

→Housing is needed, thank you for acting to create a committee to act on these implementation measures.

On Feb 23, 2016 the City of Eureka and County of Humboldt passed a Joint Resolution adopting the "Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan – Phase 1 and the model of Housing First as the policy for reducing homelessness throughout Humboldt County and the City of Eureka."

→As Housing First is the existing policy for reducing homelessness, I suggest and ask that references to "homeless solutions" be changed to "Housing First" and "recommendations on implementing the Housing First policy".

The Joint Resolution also resolved

"that the County, Department of Health and Human Services and the City shall work collaboratively with the community to create a sustainable strategy and human infrastructure to implement the Housing First Approach."

From the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan:

"The forced dispersal of People from encampment settings is not an appropriate solution or strategy, accomplishes nothing toward the goal of linking people to permanent housing opportunities, and can make it more difficult to provide such lasting solutions to the people who have been sleeping and living in the encampment."

→As this is true all year and all year camping places people at risk, I would suggest and ask that the words "during the winter months" be removed from the 4th WHEREAS in the resolution declaring a shelter crisis.

Under California Gov Code 8698(c): "'Public facility' means any facility of a political subdivision including parks, schools, and vacant or underutilized facilities which are owned, operated, leased, or maintained, or any combination thereof, by the political subdivision through money derived by taxation or assessment."

And under Gov Code 8698.1(a): "The political subdivision shall be immune from liability for ordinary negligence in the provision of emergency housing..."

While housing is the goal, for many dispersal from campsites is the current reality. The Shelter Crisis Declaration can help establish an alternative in the form of well managed camps and/or detached bedroom facilities.

→As the Gov Code does not apply to purely private facilities I suggest and ask that the provision regarding no County funds be stricken. In fact to provide greater flexibility for the committee, I would suggest item 3.l for the Trust Fund Committee read simply "Assume responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on potential shelter crisis projects." and the rest of item 3.l. be deleted.

Thank you for taking on this important issue and your action today.

Janelle Egger
Fortuna, CA

H-S14. Standards for Environmental Review of Residential Subdivisions in Housing Opportunity Zones. The County shall develop standardized thresholds of significance for environmental review of residential subdivisions in Housing Opportunity Zones for the following subject areas:

- Aesthetic Impacts
- Agricultural and Forest Impacts
- Air Quality Impacts
- Land Use and Planning Impacts
- Mineral and Energy Impacts
- Noise Impacts
- Population and Housing Impacts
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Cumulative Impacts

8.6 Implementation Measures

H-IM1. Housing Trust Fund. The County shall establish a Housing Trust Fund to support the conservation and development of housing affordable to low- and very low-income households. The County shall seek funding to provide an initial funding level of \$500,000. Sources of initial and long-term funding may include:

- State and Federal Grants
- Local Financial Institutions
- Local Jurisdictions
- Sale of Surplus County Property
- County General Fund
- Private Foundations and Individuals
- 20% of the revenue from any future Excessive Energy Use Tax

Responsible Agencies: Planning and Building Department and County Counsel.
Timeframe: By August 31, 2017.

H-IM2. Pursue Funding for Housing Programs. The County shall pursue funding for housing programs, and prioritize funding for development of housing affordable to very low-income households when competing for resources with other projects including:

- First-time Homebuyer Program
- Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)
- Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN)
- United States Department of Agriculture Housing Programs
- California Housing Finance Authority Loans (CHFA)
- Federal and State Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Department and Health and Human Services. Timeframe: annually or more often if funding becomes available.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-30

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUREKA AND THE
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT TO COLLABORATE ON REDUCING HOMELESSNESS**

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt and City of Eureka are greatly affected by homelessness and the social, emotional, and economic impacts that this places on individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt and City of Eureka are committed to reducing homelessness and to that end commissioned a study by Focus Strategies to create a Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan-Phase 1; and

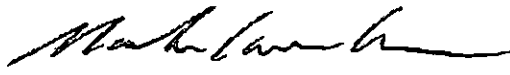
WHEREAS, that report identified four key recommendations for reducing homelessness, including: Adopt a Housing First Approach County-Wide; Strengthen and Re-Orient the Mobile Intervention Services Team to Focus on Housing Solutions; Create Direct and Low Barrier Pathways to Housing; and, to Use Data Systems to Track Progress; and

WHEREAS, the City and County intend to implement the strategies contained within the Focus Strategies report county-wide for the overall benefit for all who live in Humboldt County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eureka and the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, adopt the Homeless Strategy and Implementation Plan-phase 1 and the model of Housing First as the policy for reducing homelessness throughout Humboldt County and the City of Eureka.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County, Department of Health and Human Services and the City shall work collaboratively with the community to create a sustainable strategy and human infrastructure to implement the Housing First Approach.

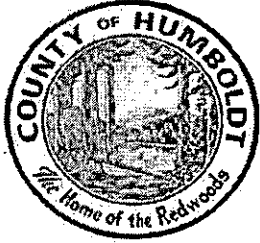
Dated: March 1, 2016



MARK LOVELACE, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bass, seconded by Supervisor Bohn, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: February 27, 2018

Date: February 21, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Estelle Fennell and Supervisor Rex Bohn

Subject: Report from the Homeless and Housing Ad Hoc Committee

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive the report from the Homeless and Housing Ad Hoc Committee;
2. Deliberate on the advantages and disadvantages of the resolutions presented by the ad hoc on the Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee and Declaring the Existence of Shelter Crisis; and
3. Take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

1100 General Fund

Prepared by Amy S. Nilsen Signature

REVIEW:	Auditor	County Counsel	Human Resources	Other
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other Board Initiated

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Upon motion of Supervisor Seconded by Supervisor

Ayes

Nays

Abstain

Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. H-2; H-1

Meeting of: 1/09/2018; 2/06/2018

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: _____

By: _____
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION:

The Homeless and Housing Ad Hoc Committee was formed on Jan. 9, 2018. The ad hoc committee reported back to your Board on Feb 6. At that time your Board directed changes to the shelter crisis and committee resolutions. Those changes are described below:

- Change the name of the committee to Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee.
- In “*Section 3. Duties*” of the committee resolution include language regarding “homeless solutions” and/or “homelessness policies” and make recommendations to your Board on homeless issues.
- Extend the timeframe for a shelter crisis and review at one year.

Attached your Board will find documents tracking the changes requested, as well as clean copies with changes.

The primary benefit to a shelter crisis declaration is the suspension of state and/or local regulatory statutes, regulations, and ordinances that prescribe standards of housing, health, and/or safety to the extent strict compliance with those regulations would make it difficult for the county to operate a shelter program. The decision to declare a shelter crisis does not impact a non-governmental organizations ability to offer a shelter program. In order to secure a site for such a program, your Board could choose to lease land or a facility from a nonprofit, private entity or citizen who may wish to offer a shelter program; or you may decide to operate a shelter in an unused county facility. It is important to note that if your Board chooses to adopt any of the approaches described above, the county is still required to comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is specific to state and local governments and requires that all programs, services, activities and facilities must be accessible to all individuals with disabilities. There are currently no General Fund dollars identified or allocated for this purpose.

Also for consideration is the data received from the Point-In-Time Count that was published on July 20, 2017. Of the 350 homeless individuals counted, 206 were living within the city limits of Eureka, and 150 were counted within the unincorporated areas of the county, or other municipalities. A county shelter crisis declaration will apply only within the unincorporated areas of the county. The City of Eureka has declared a shelter crisis that covers Eureka, but not the other municipalities in the county. There are currently 120 shelter beds available at the Mission in Eureka and 19 beds through Arcata House Partnership. Additional shelter beds can be made available at the Mateele and First Baptist Church in Redway, Arcata House Partnership and local churches in McKinleyville.

Should your Board adopt a resolution declaring the existence of a shelter crisis with no site/project identified, the ad hoc recommends using the Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee (HTFHSC) to evaluate sites/projects identified by the community, using criteria stated in the HTFHSC resolution, and bringing back recommendations for your Board’s review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is minimal financial impact related to the Homeless and Housing Ad Hoc Committee, as staff time is already budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget. However, costs associated with a shelter crisis declaration are unknown at this time and would be the responsibility of the General Fund. There are currently no funds allocated to this endeavor.

This action supports the Board’s Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health and protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution with "track changes" for a Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee
2. Resolution with "track changes" for Declaring the Existence of Shelter Crisis
3. Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee Resolution
4. Declaring the Existence of Shelter Crisis Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on Jan. 26, 2016 the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors received a report from Focus Strategies on Homeless Strategies and this report included a recommendation to adopt a Housing First approach county-wide and subsequently the Board of Supervisors adopted the Housing First approach; and

WHEREAS, the Focus Strategies report states the affordable housing inventory in Humboldt County is not adequate; and

WHEREAS, on Jan. 9, 2018, County staff and concerned citizens shared information on the state of the homelessness and affordable housing opportunities in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, on Jan. 23, 2018 the Board of Supervisors directed staff to create an Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee to set criteria for (1) the receipt of funds into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and (2) the expenditure of funds derived from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and (3) to make recommendations for expenditures from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and (4) make recommendations on homelessness solutions.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors may appoint commissions or committees of citizens to study problems of general or special interest to the board and to make reports and recommendations to the board pursuant to Government Code §31000.1; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt resolves as follows:

1. Committee

The Humboldt County Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee is hereby established.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee (hereinafter the Committee) is to recommend criteria for the receipt and use of Affordable Housing Trust Fund monies, which shall be subject to Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approval. The criteria shall ensure that housing fund monies are used to assist the county in meeting its affordable housing goals with an emphasis on "bricks and mortar" projects.

In making recommendations regarding funding sources, the Committee shall consider all applicable state and federal housing programs and funding sources including, but not limited to, the grants available to counties pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50843.5.

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Upon adoption of criteria governing revenue sources and expenditures from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as to which of the proposals meeting criteria should be funded.

In making recommendations regarding homelessness solutions, the Committee shall consider all applicable state and federal supportive service programs and funding sources including, but not limited to, the grants available to counties pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50843.5.

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3. Duties

The duties of the Committee shall include:

- a. Ongoing review of the County's current and projected homelessness assistance and affordable housing revenues and expenditures.
- b. Ongoing review of federal, state, and local government funding sources for affordable housing and homelessness solutions and services.
- c. Maintaining a spreadsheet listing potential private funding sources for affordable housing and homelessness solutions.
- c. Becoming familiar with the County's role as a service provider.
- e. Providing a forum for public expression of desires regarding expenditure of funds derived from Affordable Housing Trust Fund and homelessness solutions.
- f. Working with the Department of Health and Human Services and members of the public to address potential public concerns about expenditure of funds derived from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- g. Providing recommendations on ongoing sources of funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- h. Providing recommendations on homelessness solutions.
- ih. Prepare a draft ordinance or resolution setting forth criteria governing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;
- ji. Prepare formal draft bylaws to be adopted by the Committee.
- kj. Assume responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for expenditures from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund pursuant to the criteria adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
- l. Assume responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on potential shelter crisis projects utilizing the below criteria to assist with evaluation of projects.

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Detailed Project description to include:

- Narrative of proposed project
- Site map
- Facility description
- Ownership or Interest in the site(s)
- Services provided and staffing plan, if any
- Security and safety plan
- Long-term schedule
- Compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Access to public transportation

Detailed Budget:

- Description of funding sources
- Detailed operational budget to include funding and expenses
- If applicable, budget should include all volunteer staffing associated with the proposal
- Budget shall not include County-matching funds or any funding provided by the County

Insurance and Indemnity

- Proof of Liability Insurance
- Proof of ability to indemnify the County of Humboldt
- Execution of a hold harmless/release in favor of the county

4. Membership

The Committee shall be composed of nine (9) voting members and two (2) alternates, who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

One member from each Supervisorial District, appointed by the Supervisor thereof with notice to his/her fellow Supervisors.

One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination of the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition.

One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination by the Planning and Building Director.

One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination by the Department of Health and Human Services Director.

One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors with experience in developing affordable housing projects.

Two alternates to be appointed by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

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5. Term of Office

All appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years, except that at the first meeting of the committee four members shall be randomly selected to serve for only two (2) years so that appointments will thereafter be staggered.

Members appointed by individual Supervisors shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing Supervisor; the remaining four members shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the Board of Supervisors. There shall be no restrictions on reappointment of members to successive terms.

6. Officers and Their Duties

The members of the Committee shall select a Chair and a Vice Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings and shall provide the agenda for such meetings. The Vice Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair and shall assist the Chair in the conduct of his/her office.

A staff member designated by the Department of Health and Human Services shall serve as secretary to the committee and shall keep the minutes of all meetings, prepare correspondence under the direction of the Chair or Vice Chair, send notices of meetings, maintain membership lists, and maintain the files of the committee. This staff member shall not be a member of the Committee and shall have no vote on any item to come before the Committee.

7. Meetings

The Committee shall hold regular meetings at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by the Committee and such other special meetings as shall be required from time to time. Special meetings shall be called by the Chair or, in his/her absence from the County, by the Vice Chair. Special meetings shall be effective for the transaction of business only if notice has been given to each member at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the special meeting, and the notice shall contain the subject of the special meeting. No action taken at either regular or special meetings shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting, and unless a quorum is present.

A quorum shall consist of six members of the Committee. In the event that fewer than six of the designated voting members of the Committee are present, either or both of the alternates may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. In any case in which an alternate is used to determine the presence of a quorum, he/she shall have a vote on any business to come before the Committee until he/she is no longer needed to determine a quorum.

8. Removal of Members for Failure to Attend Meetings

In the event that any member of the Committee shall absent himself/herself from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the committee without showing good cause therefor to the Chair, at the fourth such consecutive regular meeting from which he/she is absent his/her place shall automatically become vacant. Such vacancy shall be reported to the Board of Supervisors, and the appropriate

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appointing authority (individual Board member, majority vote of Board, County Department Head) shall appoint another member for the unexpired term of the member whose absence gave rise to the vacancy.

9. Open Meeting Requirement

The Affordable Housing Committee on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Expenditures meetings shall be open to the public and subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code commencing with Section 54950). The Affordable Housing Committee on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Expenditures shall carry out its functions in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Supervisors, or in the absence of such procedures, shall establish its own procedures consistent with State and local law and Robert's Rules of Order. The committee shall obtain input and advice from appropriate County staff in carrying out its duties.

10. Conflict of Interest Code

The Affordable Housing Committee on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Expenditures shall comply with all applicable laws regarding conflict of interest, including the Political Reform Act (Government Code commencing with Section 81000) and the Humboldt County Conflict of Interest Code.

11. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after its date of adoption.

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Dated XXXXXXX, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair of the Board

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____, and the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

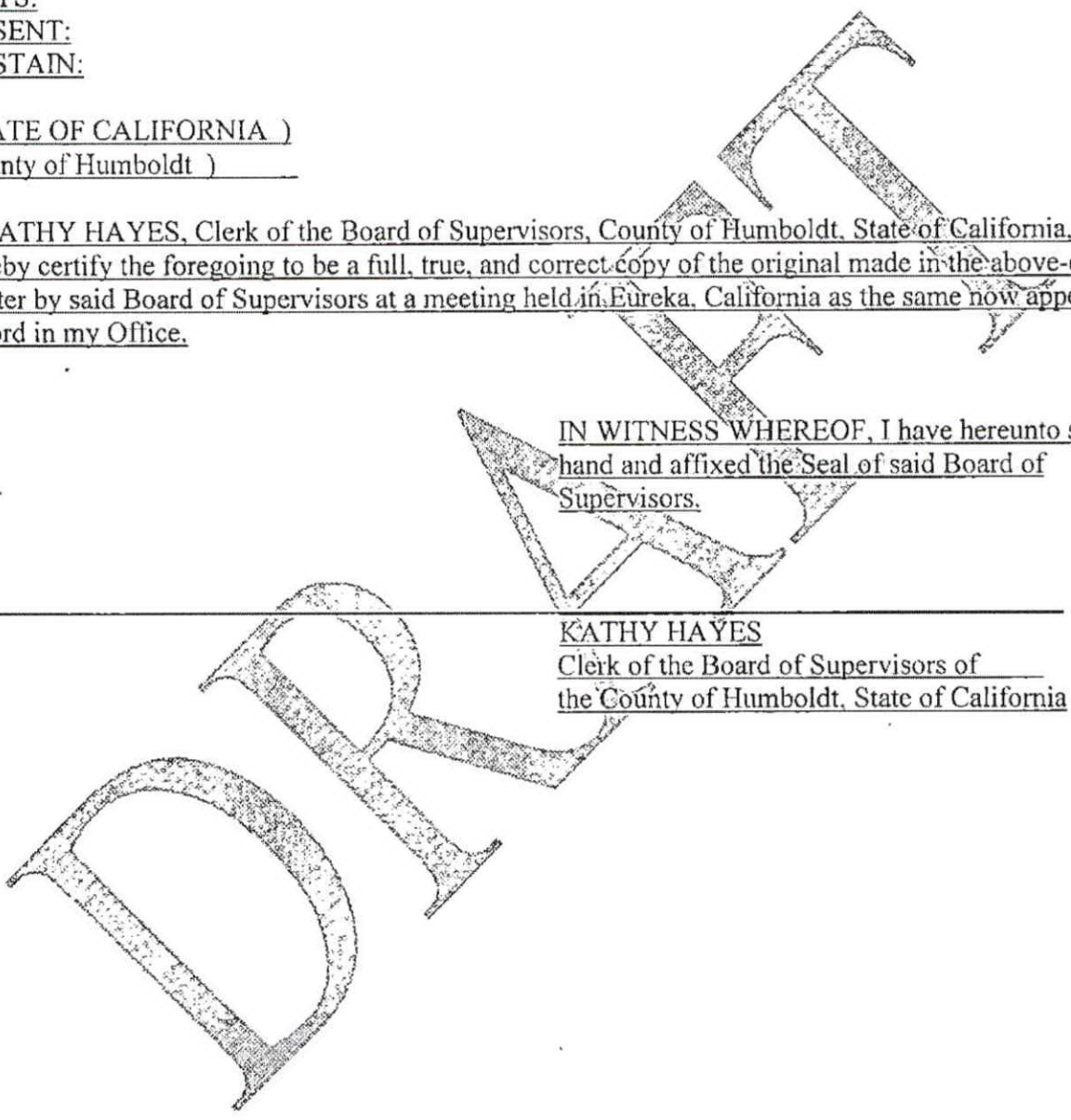
ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

KATHY HAYES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of _____
the County of Humboldt, State of California



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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A SHELTER CRISIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8698-8698.2

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has enacted Government Code section 8698, et. seq., referred to herein as the "Shelter Crisis Law," which authorizes the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to declare that a shelter crisis exists within the jurisdiction of the County upon a finding that a significant number of persons within the County are without the ability to obtain shelter and a threat exists to the health and safety of those people; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt, herein referred to as County, has received information that there is presently a significant number of persons within the within the unincorporated areas of the County who are currently unsheltered, and who are unable to obtain shelter; and

~~WHEREAS, being unsheltered creates a threat to the health and safety of such persons; and~~

WHEREAS, such persons generally camp overnight in the open spaces of the County or in County owned property such as parks, greenbelts and marshes; and

WHEREAS, such camping activities during the winter months places such persons at risk of injury and harm due to exposure to the elements and to other health, safety, and welfare related circumstances associated with living outside the health and safety of the people of the homeless population at risk; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.1(b), upon declaration of a shelter crisis, the provisions of state or local regulatory statutes, regulations, and ordinances prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety are deemed suspended and inapplicable to the extent that strict compliance with such regulations or ordinances would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation effects of the shelter crisis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, hereby finds and adopts the recitals above as findings and determinations.

1. The Board finds that a significant number of persons within the County of Humboldt are without the ability to obtain shelter and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons; and
2. The Board encourages private groups and organizations within the community to provide shelter for those persons who may not have any; and
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3. The Board finds that the activities of private groups and organizations may not be adequate to meet the need for shelter; and
4. The Board finds that strict compliance with otherwise applicable state or local statutes, regulations, and ordinances would prevent, hinder, or delay the County's mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis.
- 2.5. The Board finds that the Declaration of Shelter Crisis is statutorily exempt under CEQA;
3. The Board encourages groups within the community to provide shelter for those persons who may not have any;
- 4.6. The Board hereby declares pursuant to Government Code section 8698 through 8698.2 that a

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shelter crisis exists in the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County, and shall continue until terminated by the Board~~and will continue to exist, throughout the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County.~~

5-7. The Board hereby declares a review of the Shelter Crisis Declaration will occur at the Board meeting conducted one year from the date of this resolution.

Dated XXXXXXXX, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair of the Board

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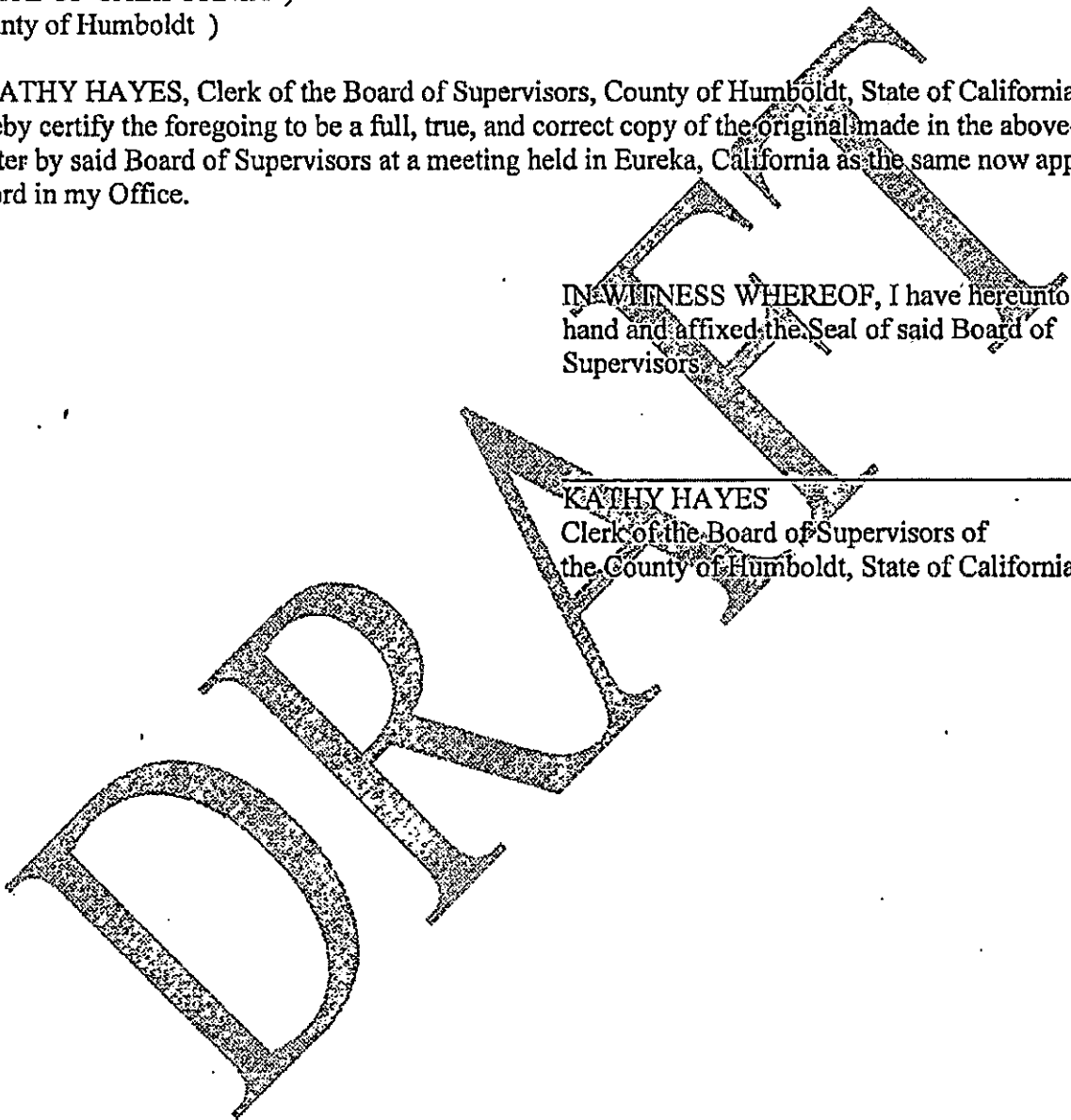
- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
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One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination of the Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition.

One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination by the Planning and Building Director.

One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon nomination by the Department of Health and Human Services Director.

One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors with experience in developing affordable housing projects.

Two alternates to be appointed by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

5. Term of Office

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All appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years, except that at the first meeting of the committee four members shall be randomly selected to serve for only two (2) years so that appointments will thereafter be staggered.

Members appointed by individual Supervisors shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing Supervisor; the remaining four members shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the Board of Supervisors. There shall be no restrictions on reappointment of members to successive terms.

6. Officers and Their Duties

The members of the Committee shall select a Chair and a Vice Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings and shall provide the agenda for such meetings. The Vice Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair and shall assist the Chair in the conduct of his/her office.

A staff member designated by the Department of Health and Human Services shall serve as secretary to the committee and shall keep the minutes of all meetings, prepare correspondence under the direction of the Chair or Vice Chair, send notices of meetings, maintain membership lists, and maintain the files of the committee. This staff member shall not be a member of the Committee and shall have no vote on any item to come before the Committee.

7. Meetings

The Committee shall hold regular meetings at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by the Committee and such other special meetings as shall be required from time to time. Special meetings shall be called by the Chair or, in his/her absence from the County, by the Vice Chair. Special meetings shall be effective for the transaction of business only if notice has been given to each member at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the special meeting, and the notice shall contain the subject of the special meeting. No action taken at either regular or special meetings shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting, and unless a quorum is present.

A quorum shall consist of six members of the Committee. In the event that fewer than six of the designated voting members of the Committee are present, either or both of the alternates may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum. In any case in which an alternate is used to determine the presence of a quorum, he/she shall have a vote on any business to come before the Committee until he/she is no longer needed to determine a quorum.

8. Removal of Members for Failure to Attend Meetings

In the event that any member of the Committee shall absent himself/herself from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the committee without showing good cause therefor to the Chair, at the fourth such consecutive regular meeting from which he/she is absent his/her place shall automatically become vacant. Such vacancy shall be reported to the Board of Supervisors, and the appropriate appointing authority (individual Board member, majority vote of Board, County Department Head) shall appoint another member for the unexpired term of the member whose absence gave rise to the vacancy.

9. Open Meeting Requirement

The Affordable Housing Committee on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Expenditures meetings shall be open to the public and subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code commencing with

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Section 54950). The Affordable Housing Committee on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Expenditures shall carry out its functions in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Supervisors, or in the absence of such procedures, shall establish its own procedures consistent with State and local law and Robert's Rules of Order. The committee shall obtain input and advice from appropriate County staff in carrying out its duties.

10. Conflict of Interest Code

The Affordable Housing Committee on Affordable Housing Trust Fund Expenditures shall comply with all applicable laws regarding conflict of interest, including the Political Reform Act (Government Code commencing with Section 81000) and the Humboldt County Conflict of Interest Code.

11. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after its date of adoption.

Dated February 27, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair of the Board

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____, and the following vote:

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

KATHY HAYES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Humboldt, State of California

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A SHELTER CRISIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8698-8698.2

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has enacted Government Code section 8698, et. seq., referred to herein as the "Shelter Crisis Law," which authorizes the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to declare that a shelter crisis exists within the jurisdiction of the County upon a finding that a significant number of persons within the County are without the ability to obtain shelter and a threat exists to the health and safety of those people; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt, herein referred to as County, has received information that there is presently a significant number of persons within the within the unincorporated areas of the County who are currently unsheltered, and who are unable to obtain shelter; and

WHEREAS, such persons generally camp overnight in the open spaces of the County or in County owned property such as parks, greenbelts and marshes; and

WHEREAS, such camping activities during the winter months places such persons at risk of injury and harm due to exposure to the elements and to other health, safety, and welfare related circumstances associated with living outside ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8698.1(b), upon declaration of a shelter crisis, the provisions of state or local regulatory statutes, regulations, and ordinances prescribing standards of housing, health, or safety are deemed suspended and inapplicable to the extent that strict compliance with such regulations or ordinances would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation effects of the shelter crisis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, hereby finds and adopts the recitals above as findings and determinations.

1. The Board finds that a significant number of persons within the County of Humboldt are without the ability to obtain shelter and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons; and
2. The Board encourages private groups and organizations within the community to provide shelter for those persons who may not have any; and
3. The Board finds that the activities of private groups and organizations may not be adequate to meet the need for shelter; and
4. The Board finds that strict compliance with otherwise applicable state or local statutes, regulations, and ordinances would prevent, hinder, or delay the County's mitigation of the effects of the shelter crisis.
5. The Board finds that the Declaration of Shelter Crisis is statutorily exempt under CEQA;
6. The Board hereby declares pursuant to Government Code section 8698 through 8698.2 that a shelter crisis exists in the unincorporated areas of Humboldt County, and shall continue until terminated by the Board.
7. The Board hereby declares a review of the Shelter Crisis Declaration will occur at the Board meeting conducted one year from the date of this resolution.

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Dated February 27, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair of the Board

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, Seconded by Supervisor _____, and the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Humboldt)

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KATHY HAYES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Humboldt, State of California

February 27, 2018

Dear Chair Sundberg and Supervisors of the Board,

Where to begin . . . you have heard for years now all the arguments for declaring a shelter crisis and addressing the huge gap we have in available services and housing by the most informed and passionate among our community members, from quintessential professionals generating the numbers to tell the story of extreme poverty and displacement, ill health, disability and death, and costly to the system to those living it on the streets and in the bushes in Humboldt.

AHHA and several other groups, advocates and community members petitioned this board back in November to Declare a shelter Crisis and form a Task Force that could be mobilized to begin opening safe spaces such as legal campsites, safe parking areas, and tiny house villages for those without a safe legal place to be. The Shelter Crisis is a policy tool that will allow the County to generate a sense of urgency creating public and political will to move quickly within the jurisdiction. It is finally raising homelessness to the level of public awareness that it needs to bring the community at large to a place of understanding that we must confront it and provide real solutions for everyone's best interest.

The shelter crisis which exists year round, not just during winter months, once declared also prioritizes homelessness as an issue, and redirect funds, fosters interagency and community collaborations. A task force is a working group made up of all stake holders, including the homeless to address the lack of affordable housing or shelter alternatives. A declaration will also impact non-governmental organizations positively because it will support the use of principally permitted, pre-identified emergency sheltering zones.

The shelter crisis declaration clarifies that this county is impacted by a severe shortage of housing, affordable housing, emergency housing and areas that allow impoverished citizens to exist safely near necessary services, which are also lacking, so YES, Declare a Shelter Crisis! And develop an Affordable Housing Trust Fund that makes shelter for all homeless people the highest priority for this fund, and state up front in the formation of the trust that it is intended first to immediately address the unmet needs of those who are without a legal, safe place to be, those who fall into the huge gap that Connie Beck and Sally Hewitt described to this Board a few weeks ago. For 2/3 of the homeless people out there, there is nothing they can obtain for housing or services, primarily due to their extreme poverty. Yes, this is what they told you. And we know there are many more people in this county than what numbers submitted to HUD, based on a very faulty count, can attest to. The document or ordinance that creates the Affordable Housing Trust and Homeless Solutions Committee that will have the duties to administer it and its expenditures, must be clear that innovative and creative alternatives, such as multiple legal sanctuary camps, safe parking areas or tiny house villages in SB2 or other available areas in which these persons can live temporarily UNTIL there are adequate and accessible shelter beds or low income housing available must be an immediate goal of this public trust.

Since Friday, I have spent much of my time reviewing documents on the formation of Housing Trusts existing Housing Trusts and how they are set up to operate. Much of what must be known in making a decision about their establishment has not been part of the on-going public discussion but rather assumed. The proposal assumes it will be a Committee of 9 and a Standing Committee of the Board , and all decisions must come before the BOS, and so on. A proposal must include every element that is considered essential, for example, who will administer it, what and who the fund will support, and how it will be funded. It should clearly state that you want it to benefit those who fall into the housing gap and have low to no income; it must be written into the law establishing the fund.

If you want the fund to be used for non-profit organizations to be eligible for the funding, this also need to be clearly stated. The Ad Hoc Committee has brought forward a proposal or recommendation for a fund that specifies, "The criteria shall ensure that housing monies are used to assist the county in meeting its affordable housing goals with an emphasis on "bricks and mortar" projects. Under this condition, the affordable alternatives that will get people safe, warm and dry now are not the priority; they don't even show up anywhere in the recommendation. To be sure, "bricks and mortar" are important and necessary in the long term view of addressing homelessness, but housing using this approach will not happen for too many years to be righteous about making it the priority as many people will die in the interim. FACT.

In addition, monies awarded are discussed in terms of state and federal regulations as many dollars made available through these sources require a match, such as the SB2 monies recently discussed. The fund needs to be flexible so it can adapt to future changes. It is to be a creative instrument, so that it does what it is intended to do. In fact, throughout the country, the popularity of the Housing Trust Funds is in large part due to their inherent flexibility. They can be designed to serve the most critical needs in each community, whatever those may be. Defining the key elements of our housing trust fund proposal is a critical first step towards establishing a housing trust fund that will be efficient, effective, and responsive to our community's needs. Most of the literature also encourages the stakeholders to put their goals on the table. For this reason, a task force is essential. The Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee should come after the work with an advisory body, but it is essential that this body includes the constituents that are to be served by the creation of the Trust, the chronically homeless; these are the constituents that must benefit from the trust fund monies. Projects for them immediately need to be the priority and stated in the proposal.

Housing Trust funds systemically shift affordable housing funding from annual budget allocations to the commitment of dedicated public revenue. While housing trust funds can also be a repository for private donations, they are not public/private partnerships, nor are they endowed funds operating from interest and other earnings. (<https://housingtrustfundproject.org/>:Center for Community Change) This is our opportunity to actually address Humboldt County's homelessness and take care of the people. It is your job to do so. Now is the time. We have never before been at this juncture in our abilities to do so. You have said repeatedly throughout this discussion of the shelter crisis and the development of a fund and solutions oriented committee, that you want to work with the community and the advocates who are on the ground and the non-profits that can do this work. This is your opportunity to do so. Take the time to actually work with us. Let's get beyond the three minutes where we are talking at each other. Let's work together with this great opportunity in a problem solving mode and see what we can do together.

Please, put off your decision, the vote today, on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions Committee until the proposal can be written in conjunction with the advocates and folks who need your support to reflect the real needs and the constituents who will benefit from the development and commissioning of the Trust and the Committee to oversee it as it needs much more work to make it an actionable entity that will address our community needs and the severe gap in housing and services. Thank You,

Nezzie Wade

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HELPING THE HOMELESS

Good morning supervisors and staff.

I read an article in the times standard a while ago, where a local coalition group wants to construct a 24-7 7 days a week winter shelter for the homeless.

I believe this coalition is on the right tract. I am here to give additional suggestions that I hope can help solve the homeless situation that is affecting all our communities.

First, you have to address the mistakes of the past, in order to have a positive and productive future.

The political powers that be cannot let the flow of drugs pore into this country year after year, do little to nothing about it, and expect a different outcome. This is simply inexcusable, and quite frankly disgusting.

So as far as I am concerned, they are in-directly responsible for the addiction & homeless epidemics we have today.

That being said; I believe you cannot build anything unless you have a solid foundation. Part of that long-term building process starts and ends with someone's self-esteem, self-worth, and dignity.

We are at a point in time where to many of our young people are choosing not to participate and work in the normalcy of everyday life. They have given up.

Thus, our younger generation have become dependent, instead of being self-reliant.

Each city, their local groups, agencies, and communities are trying to do their part. At this point in time, the problem is too large for them to handle. So, it's not working.

To help someone simply exist, is not really helping them or society at all. In fact, you are perpetuating the problem.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are only putting a band aid on what is already a severed artery.

So how can we as a community, a State, and a Nation, help solve this epidemic.

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By spending our tax dollars on building solutions, instead of one's that have cracked foundations. What do I mean by that; create programs that have **successful foundational solutions.**

First and foremost, we need housing. It would be the building, purchasing, or re-designing of an existing facility. An example of this would be the old K-Mart building.

So, who do we help first?

We must first help those that cannot help themselves, which is the mentally ill and children.

The mentally ill individuals are not only a danger to themselves, but to others as well.

And, if we can help the children right away, there is a good chance of them becoming self-confident, self-reliant, self-sufficient, and above all, becoming productive members of society.

Housing and then treatment must come first. The only way to get housing, is to get funding. This can be done through public, private, and corporate involvement. But, it cannot work without the participation of our Local, State, and Federal partners.

The private, State, and Federal sectors can donate buildings, and or land.

Long term funding can be done through local and corporate sponsorships, along with family Foundations, and trusts. I believe for businesses and corporate entities to be involved in such a project, there must be some benefit.

State and Federal Tax incentives must be applied to each business or corporation that wants to take part in this humanitarian effort. The more they participate the greater the tax benefit.

The burden should not be totally on the backs of the average taxpaying citizen.

Staffing; an entire medical staff will be needed. Nurses, Doctor's, physical therapists, drug and alcohol councilors, and an array of volunteer groups. And GOD help me even Attorney's would be needed.

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Remember, the goal is for everyone to build their own solid foundation, recapturing their self-esteem, self-worth, and dignity.

We have and are currently wasting time and money on programs that do not, I repeat, do not work.

Please, let us be proactive and stop being reactive.

Question: Do we stay on our present path, which is not working, or, do we come together as one, and really solve today's addiction and homeless problems?

Lastly, what is the cost of a human life? I believe that a life should not be wasted, because it is a gift from GOD, and should be treated as such.

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Sharp, Ryan

From: Sundberg, Ryan
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Richard Botzler
Cc: Sharp, Ryan
Subject: Re: Houseless gap

Hello Mr. Botzler,
Thank you for the email comments, I will take them seriously and put them into the record.
Have a great weekend,
Ryan Sundberg

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From: Richard Botzler <botzlerr@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 10:19:20 AM
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Subject: Houseless gap

Dear Supervisor Sundberg,

Thank you for your continued work on the Board of Supervisors! I am writing to support some of the ideas of the Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives, Inc. (AHHA)

Next Tuesday (February 27), an important agenda for the Board of Supervisors is considering the re-drafted Shelter Crisis Declaration as well as the 'Citizens Advisory' Committee on Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Homeless Solutions proposal.

The AHHA argues that a successful Advisory Body that can immediately address the needs of the homeless who fall into the huge housing and service gap, would include the houseless as well as professional providers in a wide ranging stakeholders group from the community. The charge of that body would be to stabilize the homeless population immediately in interim housing, including sanctuary camps, safe parking programs, and tiny house villages until permanent housing is available. I encourage a solution that will fill "the Gap." Please vote for the Shelter Crisis Declaration on Tuesday. Thank you for your consideration. Rick Botzler

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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

March 1, 2018

Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission wishes to thank the Board of Supervisors for your action on February 27, 2018 when you approved a resolution declaring a Shelter Crisis in the county, and moving to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to address the critical issue of the homeless population here. We appreciate that the issue is complex and not easily solved, but we appreciate the actions you have taken to begin to find a solution.

At the meeting on February 27, a number of people spoke in favor of your actions, and some of them had specific suggestions of ways to work on the problem. We hope that you will immediately direct staff and the Ad Hoc committee to review the transcript of that meeting. This would seem to be an excellent and prompt way to gather the names and ideas that were presented in order to start the conversations. We should do everything we can to move this process forward with as little delay as possible.

Supervisor Fennell mentioned that she hoped people would come to the committee with suggestions. Perhaps the staff could also put out a call for ideas on social media to attract more suggestions.

Thank you again for taking action regarding the homeless situation in the county. The HCHRC stands ready to help in any way we can.

Respectfully,

Jim Glover, Chair

Humboldt County Human Rights Commission

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