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RE: SUPPORT - Safe Parking Safe Shelter Pilot Program and Shelter Crisis Ordinance: PLN-2021-17324

Dear Commissioners:

The Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition would like to offer our support for the Safe Parking Safe Shelter Pilot Program and Shelter Crisis ordinance as presented to the Commission.

The Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC) is a federally designated local continuum of care comprised of organizations, service providers, developers, government agencies and leaders, faith-based organizations and community members dedicated to ending homelessness. The HHHC's vision is that all members of our community will have access to safe, decent, affordable housing. Our mission is to facilitate countywide collaboration to build awareness, support, partnerships and funding for shelter and affordable housing and to coordinate the continuum of care for people experiencing homelessness.

The Safe Parking Safe Shelter pilot program envisioned by the proposed ordinance is an essential component of this continuum. The Shelter Crisis ordinance is necessary to comply with recent state legislation and take advantage of its benefits. Taken together, these efforts will offer increased opportunities to provide safe emergency shelter while service providers work with clients to secure permanent housing. The HHHC has worked with county departments for many years to expand solutions and offer creative ideas for ending homelessness in our county. These pilot program opportunities and shelter crisis ordinance will help do that.

We urge the Commission's support of the Safe Parking Safe Shelter Pilot Program and Shelter Crisis ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Spoor". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Co-Chair, Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition