

Public Comment #50
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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado
California

To: All Supervisors, Districts 1 through 5
Re: Agenda Item: 24-0392, Version 1
On Agenda: 2/27/2024

As a resident of Somerset for 43 years I observed decisions of The Board which have resulted in the diminished wellbeing and progress of all of our county citizens. The conversation and focus of many of The Boards decisions is NOT to collaborate in State programs, grants and creative legislative propositions that would benefit the majority of our population. This narrow, provincial attitude has resulted in the loss of various state and federal funding opportunities.

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, you will entertain Agenda Item: 24:0392, recommended by Supervisors Thomas and Hidahl to adopt and sign Resolution 036-2024 opposing California State Proposition 1- the Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure, appearing on the March 5, 2024 statewide primary ballot.

Please DO NOT approve the Resolution opposing Proposition 1, for the following reasons:

1. Our County Board continues unsuccessfully to solve the county homelessness crisis to date.
2. The Board defaults to rationalizing their oppositional decisions with erroneous assertions of "the taking away of local control", " incompatibility of state needs with those of the county" and the suppositions of "reducing local flexibility while decreasing local services".
3. Collaboration and the utilization of state resources and their funding solutions offers the best solutions to these crises.
3. The current state of the homelessness crisis and those of mental health in California require a complex and thorough overhaul of the entire California mental health system. El Dorado County will positively benefit by supporting Proposition 1 on the March 5, primary ballot.

I am confident the Board will positively respond to this rational and NOT approve the Resolution opposing Proposition 1.

Sincerely Yours,

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