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Letter to B.O.S. Agenda item 21-1366 (Dept. HHSA presentation)

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To the Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

Re: Housing Assistance Programs Presentation (Agenda Item 21-1366, August 31, 2021)

I heartily endorse the concept of El Dorado County pursuing all available opportunities to generate housing for the unhoused/very low income. There are several significant reasons for this endorsement.

I have an interest in both housing availability matters and the needs of the elderly citizens of our County. I have read the posted information presented by the Department of Health and Human Services Agency and wish to offer three observations.

First, we have all recognized El Dorado County has an entrenched problem with a growing number of unhoused people living in forested locations. The problems of homelessness affect every part of our County and nation. We must work on helping our fellow citizens who are destitute.

Added to this already difficult situation, we will now have a much larger number of people who have been displaced by the catastrophic Caldor Fire. Many of these folks will be financially devastated by the loss of their home and some of them will add to the already large number of our homeless population.

Third, as indicated by the presentation, a very large proportion of our very low-income group of citizens are Seniors. Demographically, we know the number of retirement-aged citizens will grow steadily for at least the next two decades. This is the segment of the population that has *decreasing* ability to grow personal income and marshal resources to recover from hardship. With increasing age, more people will be reliant on significant assistance for housing - both temporary and permanent. We must plan now for this ongoing demographic wave of need.

Now is the time to energetically pursue every possible avenue to ease this increasing housing crisis.

I thank you for consideration.

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HHSA CoC & Homeless Program Presentation (Agenda Item 21-1366, August 31, 2021)

I strongly support El Dorado County pursue the FY2021/22 New Grant Funding Opportunities. I feel that it is important for our county to leverage as many of the tools that the Federal and State governments are promoting. HHSA has outlined those programs that are beneficial to our county.

The development of the Homeless Strategic Plan will be a good tool for the community to understand the benefits of the various housing programs that El Dorado County will engage in.

Please support these efforts.

Thank you,

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