



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Homeless Shelter Crisis declaration

1 message

Julie Robinson <injoyjulie@yahoo.com>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 2:10 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, bosthree@edcgov.us

Dear EDC Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing you from London. In this expensive, huge city with millions of occupants i have seen significantly less homeless folks (a handful) than I do in our small city of Placerville on a daily basis.

Same with Paris, in my 4 days of walking many miles around the city - I saw only 1 man sitting next to a bakery greeting passers by.

If we wish to be an international tourist destination we need people to feel comfortable and safe in beautiful surrounds.

If we choose to neglect folk experiencing houselessness it doesn't put us as a society in a good light.

Yes, it will cost a lot of money. Some may think it will encourage people to be homeless which I don't believe is true. There will always be humans who take advantage but there will be many who regain their health, self respect and hope to go on to better lives for the good of our community as a whole.

Children of families doubling up deserve better than every night wondering where they will stay.

I encourage you to pass resolution 061-2022 for us to have an emergency shelter open as quickly as possible.

Thank you
Julie Robinson



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Item 42

2 messages

Tracy Doyle <tracyoilsistas@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 8:06 PM

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Cc: John D'Agostini <dagostinij@edso.org>

Supervisors:

I am opposed to the declaration of a homeless crisis in El Dorado County. Health and Human Services Department budget is HUGE yet we still have 600 unhoused citizens. Why would we continue to fund and grant more unchecked power to the department that's been throwing darts and missing repeatedly? Where would HHS house our unhoused brothers and sisters? Who are the grant hustlers salivating in the wings? Will they buy motels without having to come to the Board?

Do not breach our system of checks and balances by allowing HHS to take over the homeless issue. That is exactly what will take place if you do not vote no.

Don't be groomed into voting yes.

Regards,

Tracy Doyle

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Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 8:54 AM

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Thank you,

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Fwd: BOS AGENDA ITEM 22-0630

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 10:10 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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From: **Craig Styles** <cncstyles@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 9:22 AM

Subject: BOS AGENDA ITEM 22-0630

To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

There are many reasons not to care about the homeless. They are dirty, sometimes smelly, and they litter and disturb the beauty of my town. They are also addicts and alcoholics, and they should take more responsibility for their own lives rather than expect a hand-out from me. Their problems are not my fault and not my responsibility to fix. I have my own life to live without them being a nuisance by destroying my property values and creating a greater fire risk with their encampments.

And yet here they are. They exist in my town, in my county, in my life. It's not fair to me, and they make me uncomfortable. Why doesn't someone do something about them? If we help them, won't we just attract more of them? Can't we send them somewhere else, make them someone else's problem? Why me?

Why not me? I have overcome challenges in my life so why can't they? I have to admit I haven't overcome all my challenges by myself. I have been lucky sometimes to have a helpful family member or friend, sometimes even a stranger, who provides some inspiration or guidance during hard times. I am lucky that my family helped me to get a good education so I could get a good job and afford a nice place to live. Maybe I shouldn't take all that for granted.

I remember a line from a song that has always stuck with me: "Where you end up usually depends on where you start." Maybe I could try to put myself in the shoes of a homeless person for a minute. Okay, maybe I have terrible parents, abusive family members, or maybe no family at all. Is that possible? I guess so. Maybe I have some disability that limits me, or maybe even a mental illness that makes my life an impossible hell--and I have no one to turn to to help me through it. Is that possible? Hard for me to relate to but yes I guess it's very possible. Could I become an addict or alcoholic because it seems the only way to ease my pain? Yeah I guess so.

But why me? Maybe because the most important lesson I have learned is gratitude-- to be grateful for my many blessings, for the love many people have shown me along the way. I am lucky and I can try to give those blessings back by helping someone else-- someone who needs to know what I know. I can't do it by myself but I can be part of the effort to help those who need some tools to find their way. It looks like hard work, but the people I admire most are the ones leading the effort. And they need all the help they can get, a community wide commitment. And the community seems ready to make that choice. I can see it building.

I think the journey itself will be as important as reaching the goal. The journey will require re-building community spirit, something we may have lost along the way of pursuing our rugged individualism to the extreme. It seems like a good time to re-think this approach and remember why we are here.

A concerned citizen of Placerville

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Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Fwd: support for Agenda Item 22-0630

2 messages

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Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 10:10 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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From: **Cyndy Salmon** <casunflower79@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 9:03 PM

Subject: support for Agenda Item 22-0630

To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Greetings,

As a member of Federated Church, I have been part of homeless services in our area for decades and can see the need for a coordinated plan to not only help those who are unhoused but make our community a safer place. The argument that we don't need homeless camps all over the Western Slope is a false one--we already have homeless camps all over our community and that is exactly why we need an emergency shelter and navigation center, so homeless people can see that there is a way out and up from where they are, become housed and get on the path to being productive members of our community. This is more than just the right thing to do--it will also benefit the city and county coffers if what happened with South Lake Tahoe's Housing First program is indicative-- in one year it brought a savings of \$20,000 per person in reduced emergency, hospital and criminal justice services.

Please support the Resolution for an Emergency Shelter Crisis here in El Dorado County. This will allow the streamlining of efforts to open a shelter before the fire season and obtain additional funding from the state. We certainly do have a crisis here in our county where we have upwards of 600 unhoused people and where we are short about 3000 units of affordable housing to meet the need we have here. That cannot be fixed quickly, but it can never be fixed if we don't get started and a year round shelter is a good place to start. Please vote YES!

Please support the comprehensive proposal for a low barrier Navigation Center with a Shelter both short term and long term that can be funded entirely with State and Federal Homeless Grants. What a difference that will make in the lives of the unhoused people who are also your constituents and who need these supportive services to become self-sufficient. I have personal experience with helping a homeless young man who was put on a bus to Placerville after being discharged from Barton Hospital in the winter of 2010-11. He was mildly developmentally delayed, like my own son, and when I met him at the Upper Room and in the Nomadic Shelter I was drawn to help him like I would want someone to help my own son if he were in that situation. His family lost their home in the Angora Fire of 2007, his parents divorced and his mom left the state and their alcoholic dad struggled to keep his job and care for his two sons. He was abusive and the young man I met had run away to escape that domestic violence and ended up, as I wrote above, homeless in Placerville. With the help of the Community Resource Center next door to the Upper Room, two of us found him a very small apartment and got him connected with Pride Industries who helped him get a full time job at Redhawk. He worked there for two years, saved enough money to buy a car and reconnected with his mother who was living and working in Illinois. She invited him to come and live with her there and that is where he is now--living and working and happy-- a success story and model for how stable housing and supportive services can turn a life around. That model, on the larger scale of Navigation Center with a Shelter will help so many people have success stories, too. Please vote YES!

Thank you for considering these important issues.

Sincerely,
Cyndy Salmon

3441 Big Barn Road
Placerville

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Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



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Fwd: BOS Item 22-0630 - Please vote YES

1 message

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Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 10:10 AM

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From: **Nichole Paine** <paine.nichole@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 8:43 PM
Subject: BOS Item 22-0630 - Please vote YES
To: kim.dawson@edcgov.us <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Attached please find public comment on item 22-0630, regarding our support for the Emergency Shelter Declaration.

Nichole Paine, Vice President / Treasurer

Job's Shelters of the Sierra

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April 15, 2022

TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
RE: Item 22-0630: Support for Declaration of Shelter Emergency

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing to express our concern for the ongoing shelter emergency and our support for the Emergency Declaration as well as the intent to provide an emergency shelter and navigation center.

On a moral level, this is the right thing to do. Housing should be a human right, and this will ensure that all of our unhoused community members have access to the basic needs: food, safety, and shelter. El Dorado County is one of only a few that has taken no significant action to alleviate homelessness. This declaration would make it clear that the issue is taken seriously by our authorities.

On a fiscal level, this is the right thing to do. It simply costs more to care for the homeless while they are unhoused. While unhoused, they are more likely to offend or re-offend in the criminal justice system, more likely to need emergency medical and mental health services, and, are more likely to interface with law enforcement. All of these services cost money, placing the unhoused in shelter beds with navigation services diverts these people to more streamlined and less expensive service providers.

On a fire-danger level, this is the right thing to do. Encampments provide an unacceptable fire risk, and an on-going one. Not only are there considerable costs associated with responding to encampment fires, but any one of them could easily get out of control, leading to a costly and potentially catastrophic wildfire in the Placerville area.

Please, we urge you, vote YES on the resolution.

Respectfully,

Colleen Ivazes

President

Nichole Paine

Vice President / Treasurer
Job's Shelters of the Sierra



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Letter in Support for 22-0630, Item 42 Homeless Navigation Center and Shelter

1 message

Caroline Vanderkar <vanderkarcarii@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 1:21 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear County Clerk,

Please provide the attached letter to the Board of Supervisors. I can be contacted at 805-503-0825 or 1325 4th Street, Los Osos, CA 93402.

Very best,
Caroline Vanderkar

Sent from my iPhone

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Item #42:

Assembly Bill No. 2553

Section 1. 8698. (ii).

'During the shelter crisis, the local and state law requirements for homeless shelters to be consistent with the local land use plans, including the general plan, shall be suspended.'

- ▷ Why would we as a Board want to allow our voter-approved General Plan to be suspended?
- ▷ If our County declares a Homeless Shelter Crisis under the provisions of AB 2553, why do we need to report so much information to the State?

**Senate Committee on Housing and the State Assembly Committee on
Housing and Community Development? Are we yielding our local
authority to the State of CA?**



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Item 22-0630, BOS Meeting 4/19/2022

1 message

Diane Rabinowitz <drabino1951@yahoo.com>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 1:39 PM

Reply-To: Diane Rabinowitz <drabino1951@yahoo.com>

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Cc: Maureen Dion-Perry <dionperry@att.net>

4/16/2022

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of NAMI families in our county. You would think our work concerns only helping families of those with serious mental illness. But since many of our loved ones with mental illness do find themselves homeless when they go off their medication, (and then often become involved in the criminal justice system) this matter of housing the homeless is personal to us. I want to urge the Board to vote in favor of the Shelter Crisis Declaration, to allow the County to develop the Emergency Shelter and Navigation Center before Fire Season.

I've been reading through the public comments about the EDOKCoC strategic plan to end homelessness in attempt to understand the objections people may present regarding the 4/19/2022 presentation about an Emergency Shelter / Navigation Center.

The objections include:

- a challenge to the assertion that "Housing First" is evidence based
- questioning the motivation of the people who are involved in housing the homeless
- housing the homeless creates blight and commercial issues for the community
- There is no mitigation plan to ensure that safety and cleanliness are preserved
- questioning whether those with lived experience have provided input
- fear that homeless encampments will spread throughout the county

In multiple studies, (<https://endhomelessness.org/resource/data-visualization-the-evidence-on-housing-first/>) Housing First has been demonstrated to reduce costs for addressing the needs of people with substance abuse issues, psychiatric issues, and risk behaviors. It has been demonstrated that outcomes for the people housed are greater than with other program types.

I will not even address the challenge to our motivation. The folks I've come to know who have been involved for years in housing and caring for the homeless are passionate about making our county a safe and healthy place for all, including those who don't have the good fortune to be housed.

The "blight" and injury to commercial enterprise can be addressed in a couple of ways. Choosing a location that is zoned for emergency shelter will go a long way towards addressing these concerns. The sites on upper Broadway are zoned for emergency shelter, so this is a good match, however it requires collaboration with Placerville city government. The management of an emergency shelter will be vastly improved by providing a navigation center on site, and by employing a service provider with a successful track record to engage clients in activities that help rebuild their lives. Once individuals are engaged in constructive activity, they will take pride in and participate in the maintenance and curb appeal of the shelter.

Furthermore, the fear that homeless encampments will spread throughout the county if we have

an emergency shelter and navigation center is baseless. Their fear will more likely be realized if we don't built an emergency shelter and navigation center. Their fear is all the more reason to declare a state of emergency, because there are no shelter beds for the 300 plus people who registered as unhoused on the By Name list in the HMIS.

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Our EDOKCoC has presented its strategic plan—the culmination of hours of collaboration between different segments of the community; the plan has been approved by the BOS. This proposal is also a collaborative work of many county government departments staffs. Given the good faith of all the people working together to address this problem of housing the homeless, I urge you to approve the declaration and allow the next phases of the plan to move forward.

Sincerely,

Diane Rabinowitz

President NAMI El Dorado County
310 404 5252

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4/16/2022

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Diane Rabinowitz
President, NAMI El Dorado County



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Re: 4-19-22 BOS Agenda Item #42. Legistar #22-0630

1 message

Sue Taylor <sue-taylor@comcast.net>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 1:53 PM

To: Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, "Hidahl, John" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "Novasel, Sue" <bosfive@edcgov.us>, "Parlin, Lori" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "Thomas, Wendy" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "Turnboo, George" <bostwo@edcgov.us>
Cc: Gay Willyard <gathai@prodigy.net>, Gerri Grego <gbgrego@sbcglobal.net>, "kelleydale@outlook.com" <kelleydale@outlook.com>, Karen Rogers <k.rogers1162@gmail.com>

Please attach this letter to the 4-19-22 Agenda, Item# 42, Legistar #22-0630.

We initially had prepared to send this letter to the Board due to current activity on the Homeless issue, but with this item coming up we decided to have the letter placed on the Agenda with Item #42. I hope that the Board understands our concerns for the downtrodden. We hope and pray that the program the County proposes to adopt does not do more harm to them and our communities than good.

Also we ask that you do not adopt the urgency clause of this item which gives the appearance of excluding the public from the process of making these monumental decisions.

Thank you,
Sue Taylor
President, El Dorado County Republican Women, Federated

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El Dorado County Republican Women Federated
P. O. Box 820
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

4-16-2022

After first hearing about the County looking to purchase the Hotel in Pollock Pines, we, the Presidents of the Republican Women Federated Clubs of El Dorado County drafted a letter (attached) to the Board giving support to the Sheriff's concept that would lend aid to the mentally ill and drug addicted that have been on our County and City streets for years.

Since this time, and prior to collecting all the signatures on the letter, it was discovered that the County's Health and Human Services had coordinated an effort to aid the Non-Governmental Organization, "El Dorado Opportunity Knocks" (EDOK) in gathering around \$17 million dollars in grants which includes requiring funds to be used in the "Housing First" Program.

In 2016, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1380 (Mitchell). It required all housing programs to adopt the Housing First model. The Legislation defined Housing First with these "core components":

- Tenant screening and selection practices promote **accepting applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services.**
- Applicants are not rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors that indicate a lack of "housing readiness."
- Housing providers accept referrals directly from shelters, street outreach, drop-in centers, and other parts of crisis response systems frequented by vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
- Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem solving over therapeutic goals and service plans that are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals.
- Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of housing tenancy.
- Tenants have a lease and all the rights and responsibilities of tenancy.
- The use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not a reason for eviction.
- Funding promotes tenant selection plans for supportive housing that prioritize eligible tenants based on criteria other than "first-come-first-serve," including, but not limited to, the duration or chronicity of homelessness, vulnerability to early mortality, or high utilization of crisis services.
- Case managers and service coordinators are trained in and actively employ evidence-based practices for engagement, including motivational interviewing and client-centered counseling.
- Services are informed by a harm-reduction **philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants' lives, where tenants are**

engaged in nonjudgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and where tenants are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices, as well as connected to evidence-based treatment if the tenant so chooses.

- *The project and specific apartment may include special physical features that accommodate disabilities, reduce harm, and promote health and community and independence among tenants.*

Housing First is a short-sighted concept, not a long-term solution to assist individuals reintegrate to society. How is this fair to all the families and individuals that are following civil rules of society to then be impacted by those that are getting free rent at taxpayer expense, with no requirement for following laws to invade their communities?

As an aside, there is no outreach or concern for the 500 plus households that have lost their homes in Grizzly Flats covered in this program. Consider what these funds would do to get those folks back in housing and restoring their community.

We understand that there are folks that have gotten in situations where they need a hand up to get out of the hole they are in, but "Housing First" is not that program. It is designed for people to stay in their destructive condition and negatively impact the community that surrounds them. Just putting the Mentally Ill and the Drug Addicted into housing without a path to healing or acknowledging needed life skills to be part of a household and community is only setting them up for failure.

The Homeless Strategic Plan created for EDOK is a lengthy document with noble ideas that lack clear accountability or results. It follows the "Housing First" concept and threatens those that dare to rent to people in this program by suggesting that legal services be funded, for those that do not keep up with the promises of their lease or rent, to be used against the landlord. One redeeming concept in the document came from Goal 3.1.f which will get these folks safely off the streets much faster than waiting for Housing First to be implemented. Those implementing these programs should be considering Community first, not the goals of the Housing first program.

Our County is usually slow to join the rest of the country, which gives us the advantage to analyze what works or does not work when it comes to government programs. We should implement programs that reflect the heart and resources of our community members. Performance based housing has proven to work in getting people back into society and off the street.

We ask that grant funds that have been rewarded to the NGO's of the county which implements "Housing First" be returned. Then other funds that have been granted outside of Housing First be used on solutions suggested by the Hostess Concept and what was described in Goal 3.1.f of the Homeless Strategic Plan.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

s/Sue Taylor
President, El Dorado County Republican Women Federated



El Dorado County Republican Women Federated
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

2-14-2022

We, Presidents of the Republican Women throughout El Dorado County, express our support of the Sheriff's Hostess Concept. As was presented by the Sheriff's Department, "Most people are aware of the increase of homelessness throughout our country, states, counties, and cities. While many agencies support and provide various social services to mitigate homelessness in our communities, most are not as effective as we all would desire. Millions of dollars are spent every year with little or no change in the safety, sanitation, or services of the homeless community. Grants will use your tax dollars to provide fragmented services administration fees and contractors often without making them accountable."

The County needs to stop their action of looking for hotels to be used as homeless shelters and move forward with the Sheriff's Hostess Concept as was agreed to prior to the Caldor fire. Non-Governmental Organizations that have been lobbying against the Sheriff's Hostess Concept are doing more harm than good to those on the street. There is a concern when acquiring grant funds becomes more important than the focus of getting the homeless that are mentally ill and drug addicted help and integrated back into society.

Stacking the homeless into a permanent location, handing out drugs, and taking needed hotels out of the tourist economy only makes the drug and mentally ill condition permanent, degrades the surrounding neighborhoods and creates a new agency that is dependent on keeping people in that condition.

The hostess program will be a one stop location for rehabilitation, where funds can be used for medical and mental health services. It will be temporary with a hand up to get folks into housing. Rather than being turned out during each day, the homeless will have a safe and sanitary place to stay. This is an emergency shelter NOT housing. Putting this shelter near the jail puts those with the highest need near Health and Human Services Department and the County's employment resource center. These centers can help those on the street get back on their feet and also provides non-profits and others one safe place to find and reach out to those they wish to serve.

Rather than following the State Plan which is creating horrific, unhealthy living conditions and devastating neighborhoods throughout the State, let El Dorado County be an example to other jurisdictions of how to change the course of homelessness into living success stories. We ask that the Board give financial and moral support to the Sheriff's program which will be transparent and can be held responsible by the Board and the Public.

Thank you,

Sue Taylor, President
El Dorado County
Republican Women Federated

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Letter of Support for Item 42, BOS meeting April 19, 2022. #22-0630

1 message

Donald Vanderkar <donvdk@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 1:56 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us, Daniel Del Monte <daniel.delmonte@edcgov.us>, Don Semon <don.semon@edcgov.us>

Dear Clerk of Session,
Please send to the members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors my attached letter of support for the Emergency Declaration for a Navigation Center and shelters for the homeless, Item 42, # 22-0630

Donald Vanderkar
Placerville.

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April 16, 2023

Board of Supervisors

El Dorado County

Support for Item 22-0630, April 19, #42

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As you may remember, I have addressed the Board on numerous occasions regarding the plight of homeless people in our county. Items I have addressed include the significant period of time we have experienced the presence of people without housing or other reasonable shelter. I have mentioned that over two decades ago I was sleeping on the floor of a building at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Camino monitoring homeless people. Since then, non-profits and church have struggled to provide minimal care and shelter during cold and wet winter months.

Many homeless people have suffered and died. Many memorial services have been conducted in memory of our homeless friends who have passed on. I recall the service for Elliot, a person well known in our community and even respected and loved. His memorial service resulted in many people crowding into Federated Church and standing in the doorways and lobby. Many others have no stability of shelter from which to go to jobs or appointments.

People have suffered for too long.

It is time to act to reduce suffering and provide opportunities for homeless people to become productive members of our community. Please approve the Work Plan.

Sincerely,

Don Vanderkar



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Fwd: Agenda Item 22-0630

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 4:02 PM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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From: **carla turoff** <turoffc@earthlink.net>

Date: Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 2:31 PM

Subject: Agenda Item 22-0630

To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

April 15, 2022

Dear El Dorado County BOS,

I would like to address an issue up for discussion at your meeting on 4-19-22.

It is the issue of how to proceed, in this County, to provide shelter facilities to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. I do not claim to know or understand all of the very complicated legal details of the proposal in front of you, but what I DO know is that people who are homeless are exactly that – people, just like you and me. People without a place to sleep will lay down wherever they can, people without access to bathrooms will relieve themselves in unhealthy and unsanitary ways, people without access to cooking facilities or heat will start outdoor fires. These behaviors are basic survival mechanisms, and you or I would do exactly the same things if we were faced with homelessness.

It is not because we are better people that you and I will go home tonight to bathrooms, bedrooms, kitchens, a hot meal, and likely much more... It is not because we did something right and “they” did something wrong, rather it is simply that we are infinitely more fortunate.

It is *imperative* that our County join nearly every other county in the State in providing basic facilities that will provide safe, comfortable shelter through any weather. Additionally, these facilities should:

- Provide some measure of individual privacy and security for personal possessions.
- Be readily accessible to public transportation.
- Provide a “gateway” to multiple comprehensive services that will assist our homeless population in re-building their lives and finding permanent housing
- Be run by experienced people who know how to do this job well.

Homeless people do not magically disappear because you wish they would or because they are arrested, or because they are treated with judgement and disrespect.

For those of you whose moral compass does not aim you in the direction of providing safe, respectful, compassionate services, let your own self-interest take over – The danger from public health issues and wildfire alone should be more than enough for you to recognize the wisdom of supporting this proposal.

Please do the right thing for ALL the citizens of El Dorado County and support the proposal in front of you today.

Sincerely Yours,
Carla Turoff, RN, PHN

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Support BOS 22-0630 item 42

1 message

Sally Barton <lvnsally@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 2:34 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Clerk of board: I am in support and know that El Dorado County is in dire need of helping the homeless and we are in the grave fire danger area. Please support this. Sally Ann Barton



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Fwd: Agenda Item 22-0630

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 9:04 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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From: **Mary Elliott-Klemm** <ml.elliott@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 8:39 PM

Subject: Agenda Item 22-0630

To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>, <bosone@edcgov.us>, BOS Two <bostwo@edcgov.us>, <bosthree@edcgov.us>, <BOSFOUR@service.govdelivery.com>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Please see my letter of support that is attached below:

Best wishes,
Mary Elliott-Klemm
Somerset, CA
95684

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To all members of our Board of Supervisors,

We all want to feel safe and no one wants a Homeless encampment in their neighborhood or in their community. But the Homeless are here. They are in our forests and in our neighborhoods and on our streets.

It is up to this Board of Supervisors to facilitate the solution of dealing with the Homelessness in our county. Your staff has been working diligently on this problem and have come before you today with a path forward. By accepting their recommendations to make a Resolution supporting an Emergency Shelter Crisis here in El Dorado County you will streamline the efforts to open a shelter before fire season and you will obtain additional funding from the State.

Furthermore, I urge you to support the comprehensive proposal for a low barrier Navigation Center with a Shelter both short term and long term. This is a well thought out proposal that is ready to go. Several sites have been identified and an experienced development company is available.

This is progress.

Progress is being made in South Lake Tahoe. They have a successful program that deals with the Homeless situation. There is an excellent article from the *Tahoe Tribune* which explains their project. <https://www.tahoedailytribune.com/news/a-home-is-key-homeless-population-decreases-in-south-tahoe/>.

Their Project Homekey serves the most vulnerable in their community. These people which normally use up a lot of emergency services, whether it's calls to the police and fire departments or ambulance rides and stays in the emergency room instead are receiving long-term housing. "One stay in the ER could cost about \$10,000 while Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless to provide long-term housing for a person experiencing homelessness for a year costs about \$10,000." Dealing with the problem and providing a solution saves us all money.

In addition, according to the news article, the South Lake Tahoe Police Department had a significant drop in calls related to homelessness. In 2020 there were 1,159 to just 796 in 2021. Saving money and fewer policing problems are the measurable result of the project in South Lake Tahoe.

South Lake Tahoe is dealing with the problem of homelessness. While the project in South Lake Tahoe is more focused on long term housing than emergency shelters, it is nonetheless progress. It is action.

Let's act. Let's continue to move our county forward. Let's provide solutions instead of obstruction.

El Dorado County is one of only 4 Counties in the State without an emergency shelter. You can change that statistic.

I urge you to follow the recommendations of your staff and support the Resolution and the proposal for a low barrier Navigation Center with a Shelter.

Let's make El Dorado County safe.

Sincerely,
Mary Elliott-Klemm
Somerset, CA
95684



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Please support the Resolution for an Emergency Shelter Crises in EDC

1 message

Jamie Beutler <beutlerjamie@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 3:47 PM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo <bostwo@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <BoSthree@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors,

There are so many reasons to support this Resolution. Some of the reasons are humanitarian, some are for the protection of our entire county, and some are for business reasons. All of these reasons are valid.

- *The homeless are not going away. They need a place to be.
- *EDC is only one of four, out of 58 counties in CA that has not yet declared the need for an emergency shelter.
- *Without a place to go, homeless folks are camping in places where fire danger is high. This increases our chances of another disaster like Grizzly Flat.
- *There are families with children that desperately need the services to get out of homelessness. Children deserve a chance!
- *This resolution, if passed, will make it easier to obtain additional funding from the state, thus increasing opportunities for employment in our county.
- *Several viable sites for the location of a Navigation Center/Shelter have already been identified.
- *An experienced developer has already been identified.
- * Supportive services will help people become self sufficient.
- * So much has already been done by churches, government agencies, non-profits and individuals, all working together to make El Dorado County a safer, better place to live. Please respect all of their efforts by passing this resolution.

As a taxpayer in this county, I want my tax dollars to be used wisely, to provide a safe place for homeless to be, save taxpayer money by reducing the need for emergency, police and fire services, provide more employment opportunities for residents in our county, and keep me, and my neighbors safe in this volatile time.

The bottom line is that, regardless of one's feelings about what homeless neighbors do, or do not deserve, our county needs to help them for the good of the entire county, for humanitarian reasons, and for business reasons. It is the right thing to do.

Please approve this resolution for the benefit of all residents in El Dorado County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jamie Beutler
Taxpayer, El Dorado County



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Item 42 on BOS Agenda for 4-19-2022

1 message

Wanda Demarest <wanda42536@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:04 AM

To: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, Wendy Thomas <bosthree@edcgov.us>, Four Bos <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us

Cc: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors,

First, I'd like to complement the HHSA staff for providing such an excellent comprehensive power point presentation. It obviously represents the long hours, days, weeks and years they have spent working along with our community to define the crisis and possible solutions to this tremendously complicated issue. It clearly identifies our existing homeless shelter crisis, available funding opportunities and path(s) which can be taken to address it. Really excellent work that should be commended.

Secondly, I urge you to accept the staff's recommendations as outlined in the power point presentation. It is a matter of providing a safe environment for both the unsheltered and sheltered members of our community in a timely manner. You have the opportunity to eliminate a major threat of another Caldor fire. Please take it.

Most Sincerely,

Wanda Demarest
Resident of EDC since 1979



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Support for 22-0630, Item 42, April 19, 2022

1 message

dpvanderkar@comcast.net <dpvanderkar@comcast.net>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:05 AM

To: John Hidahl <bosone@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <bosfive@edcgov.us>, "Parlin, Lori" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "Thomas, Wendy" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "Turnboo, George" <bosTWO@edcgov.us>, "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Attached is my letter of support.

Peg Vanderkar
Placerville
530-957-6995

Peg Vanderkar, Letter of Support for 22-0630, Item 42, recommendations 1 through 3, April 19, 2022, EDCo



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Date: April 18, 2022

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Lori Parlin, District Four, Chair of Board
John Hidahl, District One
George Turnboo, District Two
Wendy Thomas, District Three
Sue Novasel, District Five
Clerk of Board, for distribution
Don Ashton, CAO

From: Peg Vanderkar, resident of Placerville

Subject: Support for Item 42, #22-0630, April 19, 2022, Emergency Crisis Declaration.

Dear Supervisors,

This letter is written in support of the Emergency Shelter Crisis declaration and recommendations for a navigation center with short- and long- term sites being presented to you by HHSA on April 19. There is indeed a crisis here, whether or not our county meets the 1000 homeless threshold in AB2553. We should not wait until our homeless numbers grow and create even more of a crisis and a danger in our forest from campfires and a drain on our expensive emergency services. We have NO year- round adult shelter now.

I write not only from the humane perspective but also, and perhaps more importantly, from the economic perspective in this County. This County needs alternatives to potentially dangerous campsites in the tinder-dry woods. This County needs safe places for people of a variety of life conditions to regroup, recover, and move toward self-sufficiency. This County needs to reduce the drain on emergency health services and policing services, and increase options for workers, senior citizens, and young adults. One cannot become stable when one does not have a known, safe place to sleep each night.

As 42-year residents of El Dorado County, my husband and I have three decades of experience first as long- time landlords of Section 8 and affordable housing we owned, and later as volunteers in winter shelters for people experiencing homelessness.

During this time in our beautiful county, we have seen the numbers of people without housing grow exponentially not only here but across the nation. El Dorado County needs well over 3000 more units of affordable housing for individuals and families.

For example, in shelter guests recently who cannot find housing we have seniors who were professionals who developed illness or experienced traumatic injuries and could not work more. We have those who are working now and need a safe place to sleep and prep to keep their jobs. We have young adults who aged out of foster care and do not have the economic, emotional, and educational resources yet to move onto their own. We have military veterans with lingering post traumatic injuries. We have those for whom a mental illness 'bloomed' as teens or young adults and who cannot find care that is stabilizing. Granted, some folks struggle with addiction problems (as do people who are housed as well). Sometimes addictions come as a result of other issues mentioned. Some categories of homeless folks overlap.

All need a stable place to eat and sleep each day so as to regroup, rethink, and receive navigation help to make and keep health and job appointments, and to not drain our public emergency services. No one can run a stable life if it is unknown where to sleep each night.

Your HHSA is offering a very thorough list of options, both long- term and short-term. There is funding available for the options stated.

This county cannot meet its needs solely with local tax revenues, volunteers, and private donations. We need the larger revenues we each have poured into for State and Federal taxes—let's use some of that money we have already paid to help our own County to address this problem. We already use State and Federal funding for many other mutually beneficial projects. Let's help our County and get these needed Crisis Homeless Shelter projects going, and fast.



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Emergency Shelter Crisis/Agenda item 22-0630

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:23 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

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From: **TAMARA JANIES** <tjanies@comcast.net>

Date: Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 8:32 AM

Subject: Emergency Shelter Crisis/Agenda item 22-0630

To: kim.dawson@edcgov.us <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Good Afternoon Supervisors,

I believe El Dorado County is long overdue for an Emergency Shelter. I work with El Dorado County's unhoused population and I have seen the devastating results of no permanent shelter. The disabled, elderly and ill are living on our streets and in our forests in tents with no access to showers, running water or electricity. Some have suffered loss of limb and live due to no shelter. The opposition would like you to believe that providing a shelter will bring non resident homeless to our county but in fact, most have been El Dorado County residents for more than five years. Ignoring the problem will not make the unhoused magically disappear. A theory the opposition seems to subscribe to as they have come up with no other viable options or plans, while dismissing facts and proven results and opposing any proposed solutions. Solving this problem is multifaceted but if we work together as a community by approving the Emergency Shelter, we can make a giant leap forward.

I have first hand knowledge that navigation services, support services and affordable housing can change lives and bring folks out of homelessness. I have a client that went into the winter shelter of 2020, got a job, a place to live and has been promoted to training staff, travelling to other stores in Northern California. He recently bought a vehicle and is now completely self sufficient. He had a myriad of support along the way including: professional as well as volunteer and non profit support and in my opinion, that shows what we can do when we work together. This story of success is not isolated and with the establishment of an Emergency Shelter Crisis we can tell more story like this and ease the burden of the unhoused on our emergency services and our county resources. Let's make the smart decision based on facts rather than emotions and vote yes on establishing an Emergency Shelter Crisis.

Sincerely,

Tamara Janies
CE Specialist for Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless
HED Board

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Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

4/18/22, 11:00 AM

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Fwd: [BOStwo] Please vote NO on EDC homeless shelter crisis declaration

3 messages

Todd White <todd.white@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:37 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Good morning Kim,

Can you please add this onto agenda Item #42 for tomorrow's meeting?

Thank you,

Todd

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From: <lyndajt@jps.net>

Date: Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 6:40 PM

Subject: [BOStwo] Please vote NO on EDC homeless shelter crisis declaration

To: <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisor Turnboo,

I implore you NOT vote to declare a "homeless shelter crisis declaration" at the 4/19 BOS meeting, or any other meeting. I believe strongly that we, as good and moral people, need to assist the homeless and others in need. I do not believe that declaring EDC has a homeless shelter crisis that needs to be handled by outside organizations, EDC can do this on our own without the strings that come from other organizations.

Please vote "NO" on any proposal that gives away EDC control of how our community deals with local issues and gives control of our beautiful community to others. I have confidence in the BOS that you and the other supervisors can secure good and successful alternatives that retain control of our community in EDC.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Lynda Thomas

Placerville, CA

530-417-2877

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Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 11:07 AM



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Fwd: [BOStwo] Opposed!

1 message

Todd White <todd.white@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:43 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Good morning Kim,

Can you please add this onto agenda Item #42 for tomorrow's meeting?

Thank you,

Todd

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From: 'Kimberlie Hassian' via BS-BOSTwo-m <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Date: Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 7:50 AM

Subject: [BOStwo] Opposed!

To: bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>, bostwo@edcgov.us <bostwo@edcgov.us>, bosthree@edcgov.us <bosthree@edcgov.us>, bosfour@edcgov.us <bosfour@edcgov.us>, bosfive@edcgov.us <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you to ask you to vote against declaring a 'homeless shelter crisis' under the provisions of AB2553! We have seen how this type of scenario can really have an adverse affect on a community.

Thank you,

Kimberlie Hassian

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Todd White
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Fwd: [BOStwo] EDC Health & Human Services Agency is going to recommend is going to our elected Board of Supervisors that they declare a 'homeless shelter crisis' under the provisions of AB2553

1 message

Todd White <todd.white@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:46 AM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Good morning Kim,

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Thank you,

Todd

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From: **Pam Bradford** <prbradford@hotmail.com>

Date: Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 6:15 PM

Subject: [BOStwo] EDC Health & Human Services Agency is going to recommend is going to our elected Board of Supervisors that they declare a 'homeless shelter crisis' under the provisions of AB2553

To: bosone@edcgov.us <bosone@edcgov.us>, BOS Two <bostwo@edcgov.us>, The BOSTHREE <bosthree@edcgov.us>, BOS Four <bosfour@edcgov.us>, Sue Novaser <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Hello,

As a 20+ year resident of El Dorado County I can say that we have a very special place here. We are kind, supportive, and a very giving community. This "homeless shelter crisis" is to a large degree a creation of government's own making. Enabling people who are clearly in need of help- either with drug use or mental health issues or both does not HELP them.

AB2553 is just another means by which our CA government can create a "crisis" and direct money to their "cause". It will not help the homeless at all. It will obviously effect our county negatively on so many levels. These people need to get sober- maybe stiffer consequences for their (and all of our) actions would help. The solution is not to enable their lifestyles and create havoc and chaos in the community.

We must reject this notion that AB2553 would actually help the homeless in the long run. Oppose this please.

Thank-you, Pam Bradford

Sent from Mail for Windows

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Todd White

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Fwd: [BOStwo] Homeless Shelters

1 message

Todd White <todd.white@edcgov.us>

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Good morning Kim,

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Thank you,

Todd

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From: **Diane Primicerio** <diprimo@pacbell.net>

Date: Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 7:35 PM

Subject: [BOStwo] Homeless Shelters

To: <bostwo@edcgov.us>

Re: Agenda 42

These proposed Homeless Shelters are unacceptable - How would you like to have a one near your home? They will only draw more transients to our area - What is being done to help these people to work their way out of drug use? Why are they allowed to be dropped off here?

There should be a requirement that they work their way to sobriety - How else will this situation ever get better? Your job is to make decisions that make our community safe, not to bring crime into our neighborhoods. The community of Placerville is watching what is being done and they are not happy.

A long time resident of El Dorado County

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Todd White

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Fwd: Letter of Support

2 messages

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:03 AM

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From: **Spencer Weston** <spencerweston@hotmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:38 AM
Subject: Letter of Support
To: kim.dawson@edcgov.us <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Dear Board of Supervisors,

It is my hope that you will approve the proposed plan to designate and set apart land to help the homeless. As I assist with caring for the homeless during the winter housing effort among our local churches I have learned what a complex issue caring for the homeless is. Mental health and addiction issues will require our best efforts as a society to address. But I feel that we need to maintain orderliness and cleanliness in our communities as we care for the homeless. Currently with no set aside land or plan for the homeless we have a sad messy condition by allowing the homeless to accumulate trash and junk wherever they campout. I traverse all the once beautiful trails here in our county as an athlete and I am saddened by what is happening.

I hope you will approve a plan where we can at least have a place to require the homeless to be while we have faith groups and government workers collaborate to assist these precious souls who are homeless.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

Spencer Weston

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County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>
To: spencerweston@hotmail.com

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 11:32 AM

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

Office of the Clerk of the Board

4/18/22, 11:32 AM

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BOS Item 22-0630, April 19th, 2022

1 message

Ruth Michelson <ruthmichelson@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:37 AM

To: "kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us" <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>, County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Kyra- I understand that Kim is out of the office until tomorrow, so I am sending you this letter for the 4/19 agenda item. Please distribute it to all Board Members and CAO Don Ashton. Thank you.

Dear Board Chair Parlin, Board Members, and CAO Don Ahton-

An Emergency Shelter issue comes before you tomorrow in your BOS meeting.

I ask that in the memory of Elliott, the 57 year old man who died 5 years ago on the streets of Placerville, while sleeping on the sidewalk next to a Bank near McDonalds, you approve this item. Elliott had an idyllic childhood with his brother, was a star athlete and scholar, and enlisted in the Navy. Something snapped in his brain while he was an enlisted man, and he was never the same. We don't know why mental illness occurs in this way, but for some healthy people, it just does.

I ask that in the memory of the man named Peter, who died in his car at the new Park and Ride near your offices about a month ago, that you approve this item. He apparently lived in his car, and had spent many a night in the library parking lot. If both he and Elliott had some medical attention, who knows, they may still be with us and living better lives with a shelter and navigation center to care to their needs. Many homeless people just need temporary help to get them back on their feet once again. Can we please give them that chance?

Not every homeless person will accept help, but that must not deter us from making the offer.

Homeless people are not just the mentally ill or those who have substance issues. I have recently learned that due to our dire housing shortage, some employed people have made use of the temporary shelter at 525 Main Street. This shelter option will end in 12 days. The Project Roomkey in Pollock Pines has a finite life as well, since it will not transition into a Homekey project. How very sad that this this happens in our county, that gainfully employed people cannot find housing. How fortunate that a safety net of a warm bed and indoor bathroom is available for some people to be rested and ready to go to work the next day. Let's support working people.

On the whole issue of grant money, and somehow it being demonized if it's accepted by our county; I ask that whomever believes this, please look at the County's overall budget. How much of that budget is grant money? A large portion. This is the reality of running a large and complex government structure. Grant money for this project is nothing out of the ordinary. I think it's a red herring type issue. Those who want to live free of grant money are free to start their utopian society and live off the grid, because that is what it would take to obtain that ideal.

My last comment; homelessness shows no discrimination regarding what race you are, what religious beliefs you have, your gender, or your political party. I am stunned and disappointed that a local political party could put a FB call out to their membership by saying "Please write to your County Supervisor today and let him or her know that you are completely OPPOSED to a homeless shelter crisis declaration." And, "In person participation is strongly encouraged." So, BOS, expect a large crowd on Tuesday. What is their main issue stated in their call to action? That if the EDC BOS passes this declaration, that "they will be able to identify sites throughout the county to house the homeless." What is the alternative? Do these folks like the homeless living in the woods, creating fire hazards and health hazards? Do they hope that somehow the homeless folks will somehow just disappear, because this is just too distasteful of an issue to deal with? Magical thinking will not work.

Let's find workable solutions that we are already 20-30 years behind in. No need to bring up ideas that the BOS have already rejected, like the Hostess Program. Let's move forward!

Sincerely,

Ruth Michelson

District 4

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Agenda Item 22-0630

1 message

Maureen <dionperry@att.net>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:37 AM

To: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>, Lori Parlin <lori.parlin@edcgov.us>, Wendy Thomas <wendy.thomas@edcgov.us>, George Turnboo <george.turnboo@edcgov.us>, John Hidahl <john.hidahl@edcgov.us>, Sue Novasel <sue.novasel@edcgov.us>

Cc: Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>, Don Semon <don.semon@edcgov.us>, Daniel Del Monte <daniel.delmonte@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors - Imagine our community finally providing a Navigation Center with a shelter for our homeless neighbors. You have the opportunity to do that on Tuesday, April 19th and I sincerely implore you to do so. You can fast-track needed services by approving the Declaration of an Emergency Shelter Crisis and the excellent Proposal for a Navigation Center/Shelter. As you know we are seriously behind most other Counties in providing these services. There are only 4 out of 58 Counties in California that do not have an Emergency Adult Shelter and Navigation Center and EDC is one of them.

Imagine the positive impact on people's lives and our community. Everyone deserves a roof over their heads along with food and safety. Then folks can build trust and will have the energy to focus on becoming self-sufficient. I am seeing this happen in the Pathways Winter Lodging Program. Thanks to the generous contributions to Housing El Dorado from of our local governments both Placerville City and El Dorado County, along with our other partners, we have been able to provide shelter during the cold, snowy and rainy past 4 months. We have people from every walk of life. We have working people who cannot afford a place to live. We have youth aged out of foster care who are without family supports. We have seniors and chronically ill people who have had traumas and lost everything. We truly have a shelter emergency here.

For the location - I especially like the short term motel option, as it will provide individual rooms and the ability to open very quickly. Then the site may be able to expand further with tiny houses. The time is now and we are so close. We are preparing for our only shelter to close next week and it is very difficult to hear the concerns from our guests about moving back to the streets. I have learned alot working directly with our homeless folks and they need the support that you have the power to give them.

Some people say we shouldn't depend on grants for homeless services but in reality you know that many of our County Departments and Programs depend on grant funding. That is the way we bring needed services to our residents. Looking at the County Strategic Plan, I see 4 out of 5 goals that highlight the priority for grant funding.

In addition, the benefits to our community to reduce fire danger are critical. And furthermore, studies have shown reduced costs for law enforcement, emergency services, health care, jail and public works to name a few.

Thank you very much for all you do for our community and I sincerely hope you will vote yes to move forward rapidly with needed shelter and services for our homeless neighbors.

Warm regards

Maureen Dion-Perry MPH
Housing El Dorado



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VOTE YES ON AGENDA ITEM 22-0630

1 message

Zoe McNevin <zmcnevin@comcast.net>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:52 AM

To the Members of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors:

I urgently encourage you to support the declaration of "Emergency Shelter Crisis" in El Dorado County. I have been so pleased with the work that has been done by concerned local groups, the EDC BOS and other county departments to expand much needed services for the unhoused people in our county. This issue is not going to go away. Let's take advantage of state and federal funding and proceed with plans for the Navigation Center/shelter hopefully before our Fire Season is upon us.

Helping the unhoused population will help us all. We need action now!

Zoe McNevin
El Dorado Hills

Zoe

3507 Eskaton Drive
Placerville, CA 95667
April 15, 2022

SENT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS

EDC BOS RCVD
APR 18 2022 AM 11:31

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Subject: Agenda Item 22-0630

Dear Board:

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Some have simply had a series of events which leave them without funds, without aid, without shelter. They did not plan it that way.

You will not be expending County funds. The purpose of AB2553 is to help counties provide reasonable sleeping shelter for our homeless.

I realize that helping these folks requires empathy and political will. I urge you, sincerely, to use both in a positive manner.

You have four temporary sites noted as well as two longer term sites. I, and many other constituents desire that you move forward and vote to select a site and develop it. Immediately.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Betsy Kerr

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3507 Eskaton Drive
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April 15, 2022

EDC BOS RCVD
APR 18 2022 AM 11:06

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Sincerely,


Richard Y. Kerr



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Agenda Item 22-0630, bos meeting april 19

1 message

Lorraine King <lorraine.king@sbcglobal.net>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:55 AM

To EDC Board of Supervisors:

I am a long time resident of El Dorado County and would like to see it remain beautiful and livable for ALL of our residents. I urge you to support the Declaration of an Emergency Shelter Crisis, which will allow progress in efforts to provide both short term and long term shelter, along with access to State and Federal funding. Much effort has gone into research by our hard-working EDC staff to determine the most viable solution and I hope you will support their comprehensive plan.

Having a large number of unhoused people in our midst creates many problems and these problems are complex and layered. And so are the reasons WHY people are without shelter. Pretending that they will go away if we simply refuse to take action won't work.

If America is to BE the 'great' nation we believe it to be, then we must provide a sensible safety net for all our residents. Some people want to believe that the homeless folks are in their situation due to their own choices, generally use of drugs and alcohol, and therefore they deserve no mercy. Sure, substance abuse applies to some, but many others find themselves in an unimaginable situation due to job loss, medical crises, mental illness beyond their making, not to mention being low income and our shortage of affordable and workforce housing. Although we just suffered thru the Caldor wildfire, we are not immune to more wildfires occurring and destroying even more of our housing. Homeless people include children, veterans, elderly and disabled folks. These people are our neighbors, friends, family, and may even be us. The more time spent on the street, living in survival mode, creates a lot of harm and decreases the possibility that they can be helped back into a healthier living situation.

Facts show that a 'Housing First' model is less expensive than always being in crisis mode and having our Emergency Rooms and first Responders offering a patchwork of solutions.

In the end, how we treat the vulnerable people among us, 'the Least of Them,' says more about us, and our values, than it says about the homeless themselves.

I urge you to follow the recommendations of your staff and support the Resolution.

Thank you,
Lorraine King



Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Item 22-0630

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 5:23 PM

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Gary Martin** <garymartin12@att.net>
Date: Fri, Apr 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM
Subject: Item 22-0630
To: kim.dawson@edcgov.us <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Kim,
Please find attached a letter to all Supervisors concerning the Homeless issue item # 22-0630. If you be kind enough to distribute it to all concerned I would appreciate it.
Thank you
Gary Martin (District 2)

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Kim Dawson
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Dear Members of the Board

Homeless Support (agenda item 22-0630)

4/15/2022

My name is Gary Martin and I reside in district two. I have been involved in the Path Ways winter shelter program for the past several months. My wife Barbara and I were also privileged to be a participant in the El Dorado County Point in Time count conducted February 23rd. Through these experiences It has become clear that there is, as you know, a definite need to attend to our Homeless population.

You have before you a resolution for an emergency shelter that spells out the needs of our homeless population and the actions to be taken. "this declaration will assist the county's efforts to streamline the establishment and operation of alternative housing for persons experiencing homelessness in public facilities."

My experience with the homeless population over the last several months has shown that these folks are just like you and me that have fallen on hard times. I have not met one homeless person that is satisfied with their situation. They are mostly without hope and confused as to how to dig out. They need our help!

You also have before you in item 22-0630 the "Follow up: Nov 9th BOS Direction Navigation Center" This is a very well-done document outlining the steps and options for a low barrier Navigation Center with a shelter both short term and long term. I was the Director of Operation for the Pathology Department at Marshall Medical for over twenty years. In that capacity I noticed great confusion on the part of breast cancer patients concerning treatment and how to get appropriate care. It wasn't until a team of us established a Cancer Center with a patient navigation element that we were able to serve the population with the quality of care those patients deserved. Well meaning folks do good work in their specialized fields, but great things are accomplished when we are brought together for those in need.

In closing I would like to state the obvious; we have a homeless problem and it is not going to just go away. You have a great opportunity to move forward towards a solution by supporting the components in item 22-0630. I urge you to be part of the solution and support these projects.

Best regards

Gary & Barbara Martin

this declaration will assist the County's efforts to streamline the establishment and operation of alternative housing for persons experiencing homelessness in public facilities;

El Dorado County based on a finding that a significant number of persons within the County are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons. This declaration shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.



Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

BOS Agenda Item 22-0630 Letter of Support

1 message

Spencer Weston <spencerweston@hotmail.com>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:51 AM

To: "kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us" <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

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> Dear Board of Supervisors,

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> It is my hope that you will approve the proposed plan to designate and set apart land to help the homeless. As I assist with caring for the homeless during the winter housing effort among our local churches I have learned what a complex issue caring for the homeless is. Mental health and addiction issues will require our best efforts as a society to address. But I feel that we need to maintain orderliness and cleanliness in our communities as we care for the homeless. Currently with no set aside land or plan for the homeless we have a sad messy condition by allowing the homeless to accumulate trash and junk wherever they campout. I traverse all the once beautiful trails here in our county as an athlete and I am saddened by what is happening.

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> I hope you will approve a plan where we can at least have a place to require the homeless to be while we have faith groups and government workers collaborate to assist these precious souls who are homeless.

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> Thank you for your attention.

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> Respectfully,

>

> Spencer Weston

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Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

Fw: Agenda item 22-0630

1 message

trudy armstrong <trudy.armstrong@att.net>
To: kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 11:41 AM

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:15 AM, trudy armstrong <trudy.armstrong@att.net> wrote:

There is an urgent need to address the homeless situation in El Dorado County. It is a complex problem with many elements that need to be address but you have to start with the very basics, shelter, food and help finding resources. All 3 go hand and hand in breaking the chains of homelessness. As one of our guests at the Pathways shelter told me once, "being homeless is exhausting, it takes everything I have just to survive one day at a time." Please, let's work together to help our most vulnerable take the first steps in breaking these chains.

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April 19th BOS meeting

1 message

Christine O'Farrell <cofarrell@bartonhealth.org>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM

Good morning!

I understand that there's a Board of Supervisors meeting with a presentation by HHSa regarding emergency shelters for people experiencing homelessness.

There is a proposal about a resolution to pass that our county is experiencing an emergency related to homelessness. We do meet the criteria for crisis for homelessness because we have over 600 people homeless and no emergency shelter in the county.

- I support the Shelter Crisis Resolution in Item 42 proposed by HHSa to get a navigation center up and running quickly, before the fire season
- El Dorado County is one of only 4 counties in CA without an emergency center, and it is time for that to change. Our hospital cares for the homeless population in our community. We see the impact of living outdoors and know the importance of the shelters. We performed several amputations this winter on homeless patients that had frostbite!
- I encourage the BOS to PLEASE consider setting aside specific funding for navigation services/emergency shelter in the South Lake Tahoe region, due to the geographic barriers of El Dorado County

Thank you for your important work on this!

Christine O'Farrell BSN, CPHQ, CPHRM

Director of Quality Management and Infection Prevention

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Homeless crisis

2 messages

sfitch <sfitch@yahoo.com>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 12:26 PM

To: "bosfour@edcgov.us" <bosfour@edcgov.us>, "bosone@edcgov.us" <bosone@edcgov.us>, "bostwo@edcgov.us" <bostwo@edcgov.us>, "bosthree@edcgov.us" <bosthree@edcgov.us>, "bosfive@edcgov.us" <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Cc: EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear El Dorado County Supervisors,

Please do not declare a homeless shelter crisis in El Dorado County. You are not required to declare this and doing so is solely at your discretion. If you do so, then gov't will be able to identify sites throughout the county to house homeless. If you vote for this, the first sites need to start with the personal and investment properties of anyone responsible for the declaration. It is your responsibility to step up first and provide shelter to the homeless on your personal property before pushing these onerous conditions onto your constituents. Please make sure you have all of the proper liability insurances in place.

Sincerely,

Susan Didriksen

County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:27 PM

To: sfitch <sfitch@yahoo.com>

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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Fwd: Agenda item 22-0630

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 12:50 PM

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From: **trudy armstrong** <trudy.armstrong@att.net>
Date: Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 11:17 AM
Subject: Agenda item 22-0630
To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

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BOS meeting 4/19/22 Agenda Item 22-0630

1 message

Sarah Saunders <cmyst123@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:42 PM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear BoS,

I support the Resolution for an Emergency Shelter Crisis. I hope that you will all see fit to vote for the comprehensive proposal for a low-barrier Navigation Center, staffed by professionals and with supportive services provided, and a shelter that is appropriate and will be accepted and utilized by the homeless more readily than being housed and monitored by the Sheriff's Department.

Law enforcement has a difficult job as it is, and they do not have the skill set or training to deal with complex psycho-social issues surrounding homelessness. Nor should we expect them to!

As a young mother of four, I needed a lot of support at various times from various entities to provide for my family. I will forever be grateful for the help I received in order to be able to provide a roof over our heads, obtain nutritious food, and to finish my education with the assistance of social service organizations and volunteers. Because of the services I received, I became financially very stable and have had a wonderful career as an RN. Because that career pays well, I have been honored to be able to give back financial assistance to others, as well as volunteer my expertise when needed. I believe the taxes that I pay in one year surpass the cost of any taxpayer-provided assistance that I got over the course of the two or three years that my family was struggling to survive, living with various relatives and friends. And I have been paying those payroll taxes now for well over 30 years! It was, in my opinion, a very good investment on the part of the state and the federal government. And it only increased over time, as my four children have become stable, tax-paying citizens as well.

No one is ever "self-made". We all depend on each other, and we succeed when we help others succeed. Homelessness is not a crime, it is a social malady, and the reasons for it are complex and highly individualistic. Some of us have been blessed with supportive family and wise friends, and many do not get that advantage. Please make this investment in our community. It is not only the moral and ethical thing to do, it is economically wise as well, as it results in a much more stable and peaceful community.

Sincerely,

Sarah Saunders

Cool



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

BOS Agenda Item 42 Navigation Center 4/19/22

1 message

tita bladen <tita-b@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:50 PM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

To the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident and homeowner in El Dorado Hills since 1990. I am in support of the Resolution to approve declaration of an Emergency Shelter Crisis here in El Dorado County. This will allow us to access State funding for emergency shelters, to be opened before fire season. County staff has researched the issue and is submitting a comprehensive proposal for a low barrier Navigation Center. Please vote YES so we can move forward in resolving homeless issues.

Thank you,

Dorotea Bladen, El Dorado Hills



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

4/19/22 Board of Supervisors Item 42-0630 - Homeless Shelter Crisis and Related Mitigation Strategies

1 message

Nancy Rohrer <nrohrer@marshallmedical.org>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:50 PM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: Martin Entwistle <mentwistle@marshallmedical.org>, Siri Nelson <snelson@marshallmedical.org>

Clerk of the Board,

Please see attached letter for the April 19, 2022, Board of Supervisors agenda #42-0630.

Thank you,

Nancy Rohrer

Executive Assistant to

Martin Entwistle, Associate Chief Medical Officer, and

Brian Goldsmith, MD, Chief Medical Officer

Marshall Medical Center

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April 18, 2022

The Chair
The Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County
330 Fair Lane
Placerville
CA 95667

Submission by Marshall Medical Center in Relation to Board of Supervisors Item 42-0630 for Discussion on April 19, 2022 - Homeless Shelter Crisis and Related Mitigation Strategies

We seek to make submission to the Board of Supervisors in relation to item 42-0630 on the agenda for April 19, 2022 where the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will make recommendations regarding potential shorter and longer term sites for a congregate Navigation Center with an emergency shelter component and to declare a Homeless Shelter Crisis which would allow for a shorter term Navigation Center to be operational before Fall 2022.

Marshall Medical Center along with Barton Hospital provide emergency room services and inpatient care for our local communities and therefore are on the front-line to support the health and welfare issues for which individuals experiencing homelessness seek help. These run the gamut of trauma, minor injuries, medical emergencies and behavioral health and substance use crises but also include a range of more routine needs that can be more appropriately managed away from the hospital setting.

Marshall's Vulnerable Population Outreach program, which has been running for over two years, has illustrated the potential for engaging differently, building trust and taking a more flexible approach to where and how the needed services are organized and delivered. Success requires partnership and very positive strides have been made by close collaboration with others including healthcare providers, County agencies, Public Health, the Sheriff's HOT team, law enforcement, the jails, the library hub, and not-for-profit organizations including the Upper Room, Only Kindness, Housing El Dorado, and Tahoe Coalition.

While Marshall's focus is on the delivery of healthcare services, the welfare aspects affecting individuals have a very significant impact on our ability to address their medical needs, and among these, shelter and housing are high on the list. In the absence of winter shelters, individuals visit our ED having suffered cold related injuries or to seek warmth, the Caldor Fire displaced thousands who needed shelter and support, some of whom remain displaced. In June, Project RoomKey will close, and unless alternate accommodation is found rapidly for these the most medically vulnerable folk in our homeless community, we will put them back into the revolving door process of regular ED visits and return to the streets that we have avoided for the last 2 years while the program has been in place.


There has been significant debate about the need for transitional housing in support of a Housing First model to support individuals move out of structural homelessness, however as a healthcare provider we have additional need to facilitate short term "convalescent" housing through which we can manage an individual's transition from ED or inpatient settings, to ensure they have secured and are compliant with medications, or are attending follow therapies or appointments all key to successful recovery. Absent this support and with discharge from hospital back to the streets, there is a high probability the individual will return again within days - another

example of the revolving door.

To this end, Marshall is highly supportive of the establishment of both a Navigation Center as well as emergency shelter facilities. These would provide places for the delivery of lower level health and welfare support, relieving the Emergency Department and hospital inpatient services of this need and allowing them to fulfill their primary purpose of providing timely access to high quality care for those within our community with emergent conditions. Together these would be of significant value and complement Marshall's own endeavors in this area.

We understand that there are concerns about the declaration of a Homeless Shelter Crisis, however if this enables the wider range of agencies, already partnering together, to move faster and be more effective in a focused strategy for navigation and emergency shelter accommodation, then we are supportive of this approach too.

Yours sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Siri Nelson
President and CEO



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Letter To BOS - Agenda Item 42

1 message

TERRY L GHERARDI <liberty_x@sbcglobal.net>
To: BOS COB Kim Dawson <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:32 PM

Please find attachment of my letter to all five members of the BOS.

Thank you
Terry Gherardi



BOS Homeless Letter.odt

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April 18, 2022

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, Ca 95667

To:
Supervisor John Hidahl
Supervisor George Turnboo
Supervisor Wendy Thomas
Supervisor Lori Parlin
Supervisor Sue Novasel

RE: Agenda Item 42 – Homeless Shelter Crisis Declaration (Navigation Center & Emergency Shelter Component)

This is my letter of opposition to the proposed Resolution Declaring a Homeless Shelter Crisis, in El Dorado County.

First, of all I do not think that we have a “Homeless Crisis” in El Dorado County. This reminds me of Ron Emanuel's quote when he was Chicago Mayor.....”Never Let A Crisis Go To Waste.” Yes we have problems, and like other cities and communities, bur mainly it is those suffering from mental health issues & drug/alcohol abuse. Millions have been spent in our state for too many years, with no solutions.

You mention that this is funded “100% by State and Federal Homeless Grants.” May I remind County Department Heads, Staff and our elected that this is Taxpayer Money, the peoples money that continues to be spent to fix problems that do not get fixed. Or Bureaucracy on Steroids & Job Security.

At this time with rising inflation, along with higher prices for gas, food, energy, etc. it is time that the state and federal government stop spending more taxpayer money, which only adds to higher inflation. Or Economy 101.

And, the last thing we need is to provide facilities that will only encourage and draw more homeless, with their problems, and more costs & problems to our business community and residents (spelled TAXPAYERS).

I urge you to vote NO on this Resolution and/or any purchases or leases for any facilities for the homeless.

Thank You,
Terry Gherardi
Cameron Park



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Support for BOS 22-0630, Item 42

1 message

Laina37 <laina37@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:37 PM

Good afternoon:

I am writing to support BOS 22-0630, Item 42 on the agenda for the BOS meeting on April 19, 2022.

We have a homelessness crisis in Placerville, and a desperate need to get our homeless neighbors into emergency shelters and affordable housing. This is the ethical thing to do, and it will also improve the safety of our neighborhoods ahead of the coming fire season.

Regards,
Laina Zarek Durbin
Placerville, CA



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

The Homeless Resolution

1 message

Larry Beutler <lbeutler@paloalto.edu>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:40 PM

April 18, 2022

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the resolution to establish an emergency shelter for the homeless, and a procedure which permits them to receive short and long-term care in El Dorado County, as needed.

The first six years of my life were in poverty. I lived in 7 rented homes in 4 states during that time; I lost my Mother, Grandfather, and Uncle during a single year of my life; and I spent my 5th year living with a new step-mother, my father, and my sister in a one-room cabin, with a second for storage. That's where I learned to tie my shoes. My father had an 8th grade education, but he worked hard, found a job, and over the years we were pulled by his shirttail out of poverty. Fortunately, he was assisted by my new step-mother's family, by neighbors, and by his church to get on his feet, build a house for us with his own hands, and allow us to move on. I shudder to think what would have happened to my family if that help had not been available because some board somewhere simply refused to give it.

I grew up, got an education, got married, and became a college professor. Through those years, I came to believe that the measure of a culture is mirrored in what we do for those who do not have homes, an education, and/or a family. If we cannot give them hope, we will lose, to poverty and death, those who grew up as I did. If those who can help choose to blame the homeless for their misfortunes rather than the social events to which they are exposed (in my case war, the Great Depression, and death of family members), a generation such as mine could be lost. I support the resolution for instituting an emergency shelter because I know that we all need help at times and that the survival of the unfortunate depends on the generosity of others.

You, as board members in this community, have the good fortune to be able to extend the help of this community to others who need that help, some of whom will come to prosper and pass a helping hand on to others. Unfortunately, whether you pass the resolution or not, the need for help will persist, but only if you choose to pass the resolution will there be survivors who can and will live to appreciate the unforeseen benefits of this decision. We have the means, we have the community support, we have the expertise to save lives, turn fortunes around, and rescue families. Do we have the generosity and will?

Thank you for your service,

Larry E. Beutler, PhD, ABPP, AACP
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Palo Alto University
Professor Emeritus, University of California-Santa Barbara



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Fwd: Fw: agenda item 22-0630

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:51 PM

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From: **jon lehrman** <lehrman1@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:29 PM
Subject: Fw: agenda item 22-0630
To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

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From: jon lehrman
Sent: Apr 18, 2022 2:20 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: agenda item 22-0630

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing in support of the Emergency Shelter and Navigation Shelter proposals that are to be discussed at the BOS meeting on 4/19/22. As Medical Director and Board Chairman of ACCEL since its inception in 2002, I have witnessed the numerous instances of medical crises occurring in the unsheltered populations of El Dorado county. If improving the overall health status of our citizens and giving all county residents the opportunity of better preventive health care options are sincere goals of county government, please consider passing these measures at this week's meeting. Thank you, Jonathan W. Lehrman, MD

Medical Director, ACCEL

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Kim Dawson
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Fwd: 22-0630

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Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:51 PM

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From: **Karen Stinson** <karen@upperroomdininghall.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:29 PM
Subject: 22-0630
To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

I have been deeply involved with our homeless community for the last 5 years. I have personally witnessed the devastation of homelessness on people...the illnesses, the deaths, the sexual assaults the inability to have any control of their environment. There are people who chose a lifestyle like this, but they are few. The utter brokenness of these people must be considered. These are not people who have had the same unconditional love and support most of us have been raised with. The statement "we've all had hard times" doesn't apply to the hard times many of these people have faced. A 9 year old girl repeatedly molested by her mothers boyfriends, who turns to drugs at 11 to escape the horror, who leaves home at 15 and now, at 22, finds herself on our streets needs OUR help. As a community, we need to come together and help the ones we can help because they are out there. By voting yes for an emergency shelter we are agreeing that these people who are amongst us are as deserving of the same level of care and respect that we demand for ourselves on a daily basis.

Please vote yes.

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Karen Stinson
Program Director
Upper Room Dining Hall
916-284-9534

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Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

Fw: Agenda Item 22-0630

1 message

carla turoff <turoffc@earthlink.net>
To: kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us

Sat, Apr 16, 2022 at 5:11 PM

Hello Ms Sharffenberg - I sent this letter for the BOS to Ms Dawson but got a reply that she was out of the office until Tuesday and I wanted the Board to receive this letter on Monday so that it could be considered by them when making their decision re: this agenda item on Tuesday - Could you please be sure that it gets to them in a timely fashion - Thank you so much - Carla turoff

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From: carla turoff <turoffc@earthlink.net>
Sent: Apr 16, 2022 2:31 PM
To: <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
Subject: Agenda Item 22-0630

April 15, 2022

Dear El Dorado County BOS,

I would like to address an issue up for discussion at your meeting on 4-19-22.

It is the issue of how to proceed, in this County, to provide shelter facilities to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. I do not claim to know or understand all of the very complicated legal details of the proposal in front of you, but what I DO know is that people who are homeless are exactly that – people, just like you and me. People without a place to sleep will lay down wherever they can, people without access to bathrooms will relieve themselves in unhealthy and unsanitary ways, people without access to cooking facilities or heat will start outdoor fires. These behaviors are basic survival mechanisms, and you or I would do exactly the same things if we were faced with homelessness.

It is not because we are better people that you and I will go home tonight to bathrooms, bedrooms, kitchens, a hot meal, and likely much more... It is not because we did something right and “they” did something wrong, rather it is simply that we are infinitely more fortunate.

It is *imperative* that our County join nearly every other county in the State in providing basic facilities that will provide safe, comfortable shelter through any weather.

Additionally, these facilities should:

- Provide some measure of individual privacy and security for personal possessions.
- Be readily accessible to public transportation.
- Provide a “gateway” to multiple comprehensive services that will assist our homeless population in re-building their lives and finding permanent housing
- Be run by experienced people who know how to do this job well.

Homeless people do not magically disappear because you wish they would or because they are arrested, or because they are treated with judgement and disrespect.

For those of you whose moral compass does not aim you in the direction of providing safe, respectful, compassionate services, let your own self-interest take over – The danger

from public health issues and wildfire alone should be more than enough for you to recognize the wisdom of supporting this proposal.

Please do the right thing for ALL the citizens of El Dorado County and support the proposal in front of you today.

Sincerely Yours,
Carla Turoff, RN, PHN



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Agenda item 22-0630

1 message

kathleenmintert@gmail.com <kathleenmintert@gmail.com>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 3:12 PM

I urge a YES vote on April 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting, Agenda item 22-0630, in support of the resolution to declare an Emergency Shelter Crisis in EDC.

Thank you.

Kathleen Mintert

Placerville



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Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

Housing and Navigation Center Vote

1 message

Patty Caramagno <pattychl@ix.netcom.com>

Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 3:30 PM

To: kim.dawson@edcgov

Cc: kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us, Charles Schnell <cschnell098@gmail.com>

To: BOS EDC

From: Patty Caramagno

RE: Housing and Navigation Center

I am a resident of Camino,CA. I am writing because I want to express support for the housing and navigation center. I and I want the BOS to vote for this. I am sick and tired of the "not in my back yard" voices as well as the greed and inequity of the nay sayers who are self interested and cannot see that the welfare of all in our community is they only way to make it thrive. The cost of homeless is extreme, both in terms of dollars spent poorly and on the lack of compassion for the least in our community. The housing and navigation center will mitigate this and might help to redirect some of the lives that are lost because of social indifference and underlying lack of moral integrity.

Vote for something really worthwhile in our community.

Sincerely,

Patricia Caramagno
4157 Carson Road
Camino,CA 95709



Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

Comment Regarding Resolution 061-2022

1 message

ROBERT & Margie READ <bread1@comcast.net>

Sun, Apr 17, 2022 at 4:43 PM

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Cc: ROBERT & Margie READ <bread1@comcast.net>

Dear Board of Supervisors, El Dorado County-

At this moment in time we have an opportunity to address one of the most distressing, visible, and costly (on many levels) problems in our county. That is, the problem of Homelessness. So many real people are left without shelter and must live on the streets, under highway overpasses, in ravines, orchards and woods.

You all know that this problem has so greatly increased because of a variety of circumstances that result in a huge gap between the few very wealthy and the many, many very poor. We all are guilty in letting this get so bad because, in fact, there are and have been solutions that we have not taken on.

The most immediate solution before you now is the approval of Resolution 061-2022. I hope that all of you will be able to set aside any political biases and instead reach into your hearts and think about these real people that are so desperate and know that but for the grace of God go you and I.

We can do better.

Margie Lopez Read
Placerville resident since 1981



Kyra Scharffenberg <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Emergency Shelter Crisis/Agenda item 22-0630

1 message

TAMARA JANIES <tjanies@comcast.net>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 10:36 AM

To: "kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us" <kyra.scharffenberg@edcgov.us>

----- Original Message -----

From: TAMARA JANIES <tjanies@comcast.net>

To: "kim.dawson@edcgov.us" <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Date: 04/18/2022 8:32 AM

Subject: Emergency Shelter Crisis/Agenda item 22-0630

Good Afternoon Supervisors,

I believe El Dorado County is long overdue for an Emergency Shelter. I work with El Dorado County's unhoused population and I have seen the devastating results of no permanent shelter. The disabled, elderly and ill are living on our streets and in our forests in tents with no access to showers, running water or electricity. Some have suffered loss of limb and live due to no shelter. The opposition would like you to believe that providing a shelter will bring non resident homeless to our county but in fact, most have been El Dorado County residents for more than five years. Ignoring the problem will not make the unhoused magically disappear. A theory the opposition seems to subscribe to as they have come up with no other viable options or plans, while dismissing facts and proven results and opposing any proposed solutions. Solving this problem is multifaceted but if we work together as a community by approving the Emergency Shelter, we can make a giant leap forward.

I have first hand knowledge that navigation services, support services and affordable housing can change lives and bring folks out of homelessness. I have a client that went into the winter shelter of 2020, got a job, a place to live and has been promoted to training staff, travelling to other stores in Northern California. He recently bought a vehicle and is now completely self sufficient. He had a myriad of support along the way including: professional as well as volunteer and non profit support and in my opinion, that shows what we can do when we work together. This story of success is not isolated and with the establishment of an Emergency Shelter Crisis we can tell more story like this and ease the burden of the unhoused on our emergency services and our county resources. Let's make the smart decision based on facts rather than emotions and vote yes on establishing an Emergency Shelter Crisis.

Sincerely,

Tamara Janies
CE Specialist for Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless
HED Board



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Agenda item 22-0630

1 message

Rowena Pelczynski <rpelczyn@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 3:35 PM

BOS

I AM A RESIDENT OF EDC AND FULLY SUPPORT OUR COUNTIES NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS IN EDC. THE POTENTIAL FOR CATOSTROPHIC FIRES STARTED IN THE HOMELESS CAMPS IS CONCERNING, BUT WE MUST HELP THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE OR ILL, OR RUNNING FROM ABUSE. PLEASE VOTE YES ON 22-0630.

Rowena Pelczynski
1815 Cold Springs Rd
Placerville

4/18/22, 3:40 PM

Edcgov.us Mail - Support of BOS 22-0630, Item 42

Public Comment #42 22--0630
BOS Rcvd 4-18-22



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Support of BOS 22-0630, Item 42

1 message

denesehg <denesehg@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 3:39 PM

I support establishing a Navigation Center funded through state and federal grants.

Denese Garamendi
Placerville, CA

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Comments for BOS meeting 4-19-22 regarding HHSA request to declare a shelter crisis

1 message

Brian Conway <BConway@tahoeyouth.org>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 3:41 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support of the HHSA request to declare a shelter crisis in El Dorado County. I have recently taken on a new role as Executive Director of Tahoe Youth and Family Services in South Lake Tahoe. We provide mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services as well as homeless services for Transition Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-25 who are homeless. Years ago I worked in Fresno County in Central California and the City of Fresno actually took some steps to remove the homeless population from several encampments in the City without regard for the rights of the homeless citizens. The result was a Federal lawsuit that resulted in a substantial payout by the City of Fresno to the homeless citizens who had been displaced. I noticed in the HHSA presentation that the Fresno Rescue Mission was mentioned and being familiar with this organization, I can say that their services/operations have been stellar in serving the needs of the homeless population in the City of Fresno.

I believe the actions set forth by the El Dorado County HHSA represent a well thought out process to address the needs of the homeless population in El Dorado County while protecting the County from lawsuits and other legal consequences. It is my hope that you will support the recommendations of EL Dorado County HHSA and begin the process of permanently addressing the very difficult issue of homelessness in a fiscally prudent and legally appropriate way that protects the County and truly serves those citizens in need of services.

Brian Conway

Executive Director

Tahoe Youth and Family Services

1021 Fremont Ave.

South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

(530)541-2445

4/18/22, 4:08 PM

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Public Comment #42 22--0630
BOS Rcvd 4-18-22



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BOS Meeting 4/19 #42 - Homeless: Accepting vs Helping

1 message

M and J Furst <mjfurst11@outlook.com>
To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please see attached letter.

Thank you.

Jenna S Furst

Sent from Mail for Windows

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4/18/2022

Dear Board of Supervisors:

First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts and concerns. In an effort to get up to speed on the sensitive topics related to our county's homeless population, I reviewed some recent decisions and BOS meeting comments. As a resident of El Dorado County for almost 20 years, and in response to what I discovered, I felt an urgent need to express my heartfelt concerns. I strongly feel there is a significant lack of understanding, lack of empathy, and lack of action.

Rather than rely on the efforts and solutions proposed by "opportunity knocks", I encourage our county leaders to take urgent action, and immediately turn around our county's approach to our homeless situation. El Dorado County should not be settling for a one size fits all approach. El Dorado, Spanish for the Golden One, should be treated as such. Although historic in the discovery of gold, a few other meanings include: High Degree of Excellence; Prosperous, Flourishing.

Our county health and public services, including mental health and public safety should be consistent with the same goal of saving and improving the lives of everyone in our community, regardless of their housing status. Homeless individuals are suffering and dying due to a lack of action that fails to address the root cause. Taking action in an effort to speed up time to receive grant money from federal funds to fuel any program of this type should be viewed as inappropriate action. It is simply inappropriate because this type of program continues to fail. Ironically, the Housing First concept does not provide fair, and respected care for those in need. This concept fails to provide its participants with a high degree of excellence, and as a result, it fails the local community. It's been shown that taking this route will not achieve prosperous, flourishing results which is what our County desperately needs.

I understand approximately 5-6 years ago, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1380 (Mitchell). It required all housing programs to adopt the Housing First model. The Legislation defined Housing First with these "core components":

- *Tenant screening and selection practices promote **accepting applicants**.*

The main, core component of the housing first program is designed to **accept all**. It aims to achieve results exclusively, and solely through this type of acceptance. **There is a big difference between accepting and helping**. Although a homeless individual might successfully be accepted into their program, it fails to provide the appropriate care, and critical help they truly need.

I strongly feel the homeless population deserves both, acceptance and help. This cannot be obtained unless the program includes specific accountability, and robust EDC specific data to drive the best possible results. This is what the citizens of our county deserve, and I'm hopeful you choose not to settle for less. For these reasons, I am opposed to a 'homeless shelter crisis' declaration. Our BOS should take immediate action to make decisions reflective of El Dorado, the Golden One. Our hearts and minds should be filled with gratitude for our special county, and our actions should portray this.

Sincerely,

Jenna S. Furst