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Agenda item #34

Rachel Wadsworth <wadsworthr@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 10:01 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of El Dorado County and I have reviewed the final draft of the strategic plan to address homelessness in El Dorado County. There are only 4 counties in the state of California that do not have a year-round emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. El Dorado County is one of them, and it's time to change that. Without a navigation center, discharges from the emergency room and hospital are challenging and detrimental to the health of our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

I would like to see short term solutions like a navigation center, as well as long term permanent housing solutions. Thus I support the EDOK COC 5 year county-wide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. I encourage the BOS to participate and adopt this plan, which was a collaborative effort and is a comprehensive approach to address this complex issue

Thank you.

Rachel Wadsworth
South Lake Tahoe



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ITEM 34 on the BOS AGENDA-COMMUNITY PLAN TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN EDC

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Fri, Feb 18, 2022 at 10:24 AM

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Dear Supervisors:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT the EDOK COC 5 year county-wide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, and STRONGLY SUPPORT the BOS to participate and adopt this plan.

As you should know there are ONLY 4 counties in California that do not have a year-round emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness and TRAGICALLY El Dorado County is one of them!!! The goal should be to have a Navigation Center/Shelter up and running by Fall 2022 or sooner.

I want to thank the EDOK CoC for this comprehensive plan and to you, the BOS for your immediate actions to support the comprehensive Strategic Plan so we can move forward as a community to tackle this complex problem for the sake of everyone in our community.

Respectfully,

Annette Schoonover



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Item34, Homelessness in EDC

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Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 8:12 PM

To EDC Supervisors:

John Hidahl
George Turnboo
Wendy Thomas
Lori Parlin
Sue Novasel

Is it possible that one of the very old motels up on Broadway might be purchased to house the homeless?

Back in 2016 Arthur A. Edwards wrote the book "The journey to Hangtown Haven", where I believe he started a homeless camp that was working quite well with rules in place. He might be able to help with getting something appropriate started again.

Thank you,

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Letter for tomorrow's item #34

Susan Novasel <novasel@me.com>
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Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 12:36 PM

Hi Kim,
Is it still possible to add this letter to the legistar for item #34 in tomorrow's meeting?
Thank you,
Sue

Sent from my iPhone

 **Letter of Support - CoC Strategic Plan.pdf**
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To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

From: Cheyenne Purrington, Executive Director
Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless

Date: February 21, 2022

Re: Expressing Support for CoC Strategic Plan

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A link to EDOK's draft Strategic Plan, called Collectively Building, can be found here:
<https://homebase.app.box.com/s/h4z5d17nzprfihqv4idvo2pt94p7x4to>

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In addition to housing, TCH continues to expand its service offerings to include a comprehensive suite of programs, including: **street outreach, document readiness, systems navigation, crisis counseling, emergency, shelter, interim housing, housing placement, permanent housing, and supportive services.**

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Expressing Gratitude

Our success is made possible by support from the general community, our service partners, and local leadership. By increasing resources, improving access, and focusing on permanent housing solutions, Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless is able to prevent or end homelessness for hundreds of vulnerable households each year. We truly appreciate the County's ongoing efforts to bring program funding and strategic leadership to the important work of housing and services for El Dorado's unhoused neighbors. Thank you for supporting the CoC's Strategic Plan and helping to 'collectively build' a stronger community and better future for El Dorado.

With much appreciation,

Cheyenne Purrington

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ITEM 34 on the BOS AGENDA - COMMUNITY PLAN TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN EDC

Sarah Saunders <cmyst123@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 1:06 PM

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

Greetings,

I am in support of the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in El Dorado County. It is especially encouraging that this was a collaborative effort between several organizations, including governmental and healthcare.

Those of us who live here are well aware of the problem of homelessness in our county. These unhoused neighbors suffer especially during winter and in the high heat of summer. This is a real concern, and it is not going away.

It is not a law enforcement issue, it is a social services and healthcare issue. We need to use the expertise of professionals who deal with these issues in a humane and informed way.

I realize there is a tendency for many citizens to believe that the problem will lessen if we provide no services, and we treat the unhoused as if they were a pest control problem and not a human crisis based on many complicated factors. Obviously, this will not work. This plan is a wonderful step forward.

I applaud the BoS for your very timely action in support of the comprehensive strategic plan, and am hoping that by this coming Fall/Winter we will have some solutions in place.

I will never forget a town hall meeting for GDPUD that I attended a few years ago. Many of us brought cookies; it was near Christmas. There were a lot of leftover cookies. An obviously homeless young woman approached the facility off Main St. in Georgetown and asked if we had any food we could give her. She was so happy to have a couple dozen cookies and some hot cider, but I was concerned. Cookies are not meant to sustain people. It was a stop-gap, better than nothing, that made us all feel somewhat helpful but didn't really help this young woman's circumstances or needs in any concrete way.

We need to do better, and we can.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Saunders

Cool, CA



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EDOK Presentation

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Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 1:32 PM

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To all respectfully,

I am writing to provide input on the EDOK presentation. I have reviewed the presentation and want to emphasize how critically important it is to seek the input directly from the community who will potentially be supporting housing solutions prior to when the programs are funded and implemented. There should be a clear mitigation plan established for the community in the event the housing programs negatively impact neighborhoods and/or surrounding businesses.

In the community of Cameron Park, there are currently multiple departments utilizing the Quality Inn for temporary housing solutions to include mental services, social services and probation (PRCS). These solutions have been coexisting in the same location for several years with no consideration or review of the economic or human/social impact on the surrounding areas.

Multiple businesses owners have stated that they have been directly and negatively impacted by an increase in "visual blight", theft, grab and runs, as well as a significant reduced sense of safety for patrons and tenants, who ultimately have chosen to vacate these leased spaces and commercial properties in favor of alternate locations.

Additionally, recent letters to the Board have discussed the surrounding neighborhoods that include children and elderly who do not feel safe shopping in the nearby grocery store and economic center.

As a result, the community of Cameron Park has been working towards mitigation plans on their own, collaborating with local agencies, business owners and County departments. The community is working on these matters retrospectively where we have already been negatively impacted. The Quality Inn is the only facility in the entire County that has all three of these programs commingled into one location, and the highest used per dollar singular facility over the previous few years. Our community has lived experience with temporary housing solutions in hotels that should be seriously considered when looking at new programs and grants, particularly in our community.

In order to head off a decline in a specific neighborhood or area, I would request that prior to the implementation of any new solutions, that a detailed mitigation plan be included in any proposed plan and it be presented to the impacted community before a decision is made and the implementation process begins.

Engaging the community in collaborative solutions, discussing and acknowledging their lived experience is key to the community embracing and supporting any of these programs in the long term.



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EDOC COC 5-year countywide strategic plan to end homelessness

Thomas Newton <newton.thomasward@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 1:46 PM

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- We support the EDOK COC 5-year countywide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness
- We encourage the BOS to participate and adopt this plan, which was a collaborative effort and is a comprehensive approach to address this complex issue
- There are only 4 counties in the state of California that do not have a year-round emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. El Dorado County is one of them, and it's time to change that. Without a navigation center, discharges from the emergency room, hospital and jail are challenging and detrimental to the health of our neighbors experiencing homelessness.
- We need the Navigation Center/Shelter up and running by Fall, 2022, in time for fire season and the winter.
- And as the plan says, we are in desperate need of transitional, supportive and affordable housing so that our homeless neighbors have a safe, warm place and the services they need to get their lives together and become self sufficient.
- We thank the EDOK CoC for this comprehensive plan and the BOS for their immediate action to support the comprehensive Strategic Plan so we can move forward as a community to tackle this complex problem for the sake of everyone in our community.

Thanks for doing the right thing to put an end to homelessness in El Dorado County.

Sincerely,

Tom and Jan Newton, El Dorado Hills



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Item 34 on BOS Agenda for 02/22/2022 -- Community Plan to Reduce and Eliminate Homelessness in El Dorado County

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El Dorado County urgently needs this strategic plan to make real progress toward preventing and ending homelessness in our County!

We are thanking the Board of Supervisors in advance for giving this plan its full support. It's time to put this plan into motion and harness the collective efforts of public agencies and stakeholders in the County to address homelessness.

David and Vivian Kane
El Dorado Hills residents



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BOS Feb. 22, 2022 Meeting, Agenda Item 34, - Support

Sharan Porter <sporter16@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 2:45 PM

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To: EDC Clerk of the Board edc.cob@edcgov.us

From: Sharan Moore-Porter

Re: BOS Feb. 22, 2022 Meeting, Agenda Item 34, - Support

Dear EDC Board of Supervisors,

I've read and reviewed the Community Plan for Preventing and Ending Homeless in El Dorado County. I wholeheartedly urge you to embrace and support this plan.

In particular, I urge you to commit yourselves to getting a permanent Emergency Shelter/Navigation Center established on the West Slope, preferably before next winter. With approximately 80% of El Dorado County's homeless residents residing on the West Slope, it's unacceptable that El Dorado County does not have a permanent emergency shelter/Navigation Center on the West Slope.

I urge you to move forward and put this well-thought-out plan into action

Sincerely,

Sharan Moore-Porter
El Dorado Hills



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Agenda Item #34 EDOK CoC Homeless Prevention Strategic Plan

Cheyenne Lane <Cheyanne@tahoeyouth.org>
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Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 3:41 PM

Dear EDC Board of Supervisors,

I have been working to prevent youth homelessness in SLT for over 15 years, with very few federal funding opportunities and no County support. Since collaborating with EDOK CoC, TYFS has been able to secure funding to help curtail youth homelessness in SLT by providing HEAP and HHAP services.

Through HEAP, six (6) youth were able to leave the streets and entered the Transitional Living Program, 15 youth, including three (3) parenting youth with four (4) dependents, were moved from homelessness to permanent, stable housing through Rapid Re-housing, and 22 youth, including two (2) pregnant youth, were prevented from becoming homeless through the Homeless Prevention Program. So far this fiscal year, six (6) youth, including two (2) dependent children have been provided the support to quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing through HHAP.

I support the EDOK COC 5 year county-wide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. I encourage the BOS to participate and adopt this plan, a collaborative effort, and a comprehensive approach to address this complex issue. In addition, I would like to see short-term solutions like a navigation center and long-term permanent housing solutions.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Lane

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TCH Supports EDOK Strategic Plan

Cheyenne Purrington <cheyenne@tahoehomeless.org>
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Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 6:44 PM

Hello Community Members, Service Partners, and Local Leaders,

I hope you enjoyed a restful holiday weekend and feel ready to begin the week ahead. I'm writing to express support for the **El Dorado Opportunity Knocks (EDOK) 5-Year Strategic Plan**, called **Collectively Building**. You can review the plan here: <https://homebase.app.box.com/s/h4z5d17nzprfihqv4idvo2pt94p7x4to>

The **attached** Letter of Support showcases how Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless (TCH) has already implemented many of the proven solutions outlined in the Strategic Plan. As a result of these actions, South Lake Tahoe just **ended Veteran homelessness** and is on our way towards ending senior and chronic homelessness by the end of 2022.

Tomorrow morning, the Board of Supervisors will review the plan and provide support to move it forward as a concrete work plan for achieving real outcomes. I hope you'll join me in supporting this truly collaborative effort so we can end homelessness across El Dorado County. No one should live - or die - outside.

Thanks as always for your care, concern, and commitment to helping our most vulnerable neighbors.



Cheyenne Purrington

Executive Director

Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless

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 Letter of Support - EDOK Strategic Plan .pdf
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Date: February 21, 2022

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EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

Our success in the past two years was made possible by support from the general community, our service partners, and local leadership. By expanding resources, improving access, and focusing on permanent housing solutions, Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless is now able to prevent or end homelessness for hundreds of vulnerable households each year. The same success is possible for all of El Dorado County, and EDOK's Strategic Plan outlines a concrete plan to do just that.

We truly appreciate the County's ongoing efforts to secure program funding and bring strategic leadership to the important work of making housing and services available to El Dorado's unhoused neighbors. I'm personally thankful to see how involved the Board of Supervisors has been in seeking appropriate solutions proven to end homelessness.. Thank you for contributing to and supporting EDOK's Strategic Plan and helping to **'collectively build'** a stronger, safer community and better future for all El Dorado residents.

With much appreciation,

Cheyenne Purrington

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Fwd: Strategic Plan to end Homelessness, Item 22-0294 for Feb 22, 2022

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 6:04 AM

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Date: Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 10:18 PM

Subject: Strategic Plan to end Homelessness, Item 22-0294 for Feb 22, 2022

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Attached is our letter of support for the Strategic Plan as presented by EDOK-COC on Feb 22, 2022.

Don and Peg Vanderkar
Placerville CA

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DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2022

TO: RECORDING CLERK AND EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: PEG AND DON VANDERKAR

REGARDING: **BOS ITEM 22-0294, COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS STRATEGIC PLAN. Support for the Plan.**

Dear Supervisors,

The strategic plan to end homelessness in our County was presented to the EDOK-COC last week. This plan is comprehensive and thorough. It outlines key actions needed by all parties in the county, both government and private parties, to create a possible pathway from actual or potential homelessness to permanent, in some cases supportive, housing.

The adoption by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors of this cohesive plan will be a step forward for this county. It can help tie together actions to help homeless and at risk for homeless folks rather than the current silos of individual efforts by separate entities.

The situation cannot be solved quickly. Homelessness exists statewide and nationwide, indeed worldwide. People experiencing homelessness are increasing in numbers. *But our county need not be so behind that we are one of very few in this*

State that has no year-round shelter, no navigation center for folks trying to find comprehensive resources to get their lives on track, and no automatic warming or cooling shelters in cases of extreme weather.

(We did act quickly, thoroughly, and kindly to the Caldor Fire evacuation needs, thank goodness.)

Adoption today of this Plan will help the cohesiveness of planning, actions, and funding that can and should take place in all areas of the County to assist those at risk of or experiencing loss of housing.

A great deal of time and work has gone into this Plan by many community members. **Please use the fruit of this labor and adopt this Strategic Plan so that our beloved County can move forward and become a good example for others in our work to assist brothers and sisters who are living without housing.**

Sincerely, Don and Peg Vanderkar

Placerville residents.



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Fwd: [BOSTwo] Lettr recarding item 34

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Subject: [BOSTwo] Lettr recarding item 34

Please find attached, the EDC GOP letter regarding item 34

Douglas Williams
EDC GOP

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

Re: Item #34 02-22-22 El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Draft 5-year Countywide Homeless Strategic Plan

Dear Chairwoman Parlin & Board Members:

Thank you for all you do the local community. It is greatly appreciated.

Regarding the draft 5-year countywide homeless strategic plan embodied in Item #34 on the February 22nd, 2022, agenda, our Party urges your Board to proceed with caution when it comes to implementing and including housing first solutions. This concept is defined on page 4 of the strategic plan. The strategic plan states that the effectiveness of housing first is evidence based. The plan doesn't go into detail about how the housing first concept positively accomplishes anything in regard to the reduction of homelessness. Rather the draft strategic plan uses general and rather grandiose language to look at this complex community problem.

Our Party urges each of you to read the well-researched and peer-reviewed Manhattan Institute white paper on the housing first concept and movement. The link to this paper is below:

[Housing First Is Not the Key to End Homelessness | Manhattan Institute \(manhattan-institute.org\)](https://www.manhattan-institute.org/Housing-First-Is-Not-the-Key-to-End-Homelessness)

What is found when diving deeper into the housing first concept on a national scale is that many organizations have received millions of taxpayers and clients' dollars in the pursuit of trying to end homelessness. This money has been received with little actual data to support that housing first implementation is actually reducing homeless in communities across our nation.

Many coalitions promoting housing first often use vulnerable groups such as homeless veterans and the mentally ill to publicly promote their projects; largely because the vast majority of the public has a heart for helping these populations. In reality, housing first coalitions are often attracted to these populations, because they are already receiving disability benefits. This can be seen taking place in the Homekey program that is taking place in South Lake Tahoe, through the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless.

Going forward, our Party would urge the Board of Supervisors work towards a homeless housing solution that promotes accountability and cost-effectiveness. Community members and the El Dorado Sheriffs Office already put together temporary housing program that they have referred to as HOSTESS. This program is straightforward, cost effective, provides accountability, and would not get the county involved in millions of dollars' worth of government grants, which will most likely complicate things in our county regarding dealing with the homeless.

Thank you for taking time to consider this letter. Our Party looks forward to working with your Board to solve homelessness in our county in a caring and cost-effective manner.

Sincerely,

Douglas Williams
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ITEM 34, Feb. 22 BOS AGENDA - COMMUNITY PLAN TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE EDC HOMELESSNESS

Richard Boylan PhD <drboylan@outlook.com>

Sat, Feb 19, 2022 at 11:50 AM

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Cc: Supervisors'Bd Clerk JimMitrising <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear Board Supervisor:

I **support** the EDOK COC 5 year county-wide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. I encourage the BOS to adopt this plan, which is a comprehensive approach to address local homelessness.

Without a Navigation Center, as outlined in the Plan, discharges from the emergency rooms, hospitals, and jail are challenging and detrimental to our homeless citizens.

Please make this local Navigation Center & Shelter operational before September, in time for Fire Season and the winter cold.

We need such transitional housing, with supportive services, so that our homeless neighbors have a safe place to shelter from the weather, and get the services they need to pull their lives together and move towards greater self sufficiency.

Vote YES on Item 34. Thank you!

Richard Boylan, Ph.D.
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item 34 on BOS agenda

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i support EDOK COC 5 year county wide plan to prevent and end homelessness. thank you, teresa and vincent ilardi



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Community plan related to homelessness (Item 34 on agenda)

Dennis Johnson <dparisst@sbcglobal.net>

Sat, Feb 19, 2022 at 3:03 PM

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

I am writing to urge the board of supervisors to support the plan to have a navigation center up and running by this fall for people experiencing homelessness in our county. I am a volunteer with the Nomadic Shelter program - this year as a driver - and I know firsthand the struggles our homeless neighbors are going through. I understand that El Dorado County is only one of just four counties in CA that doesn't have a year-round emergency shelter for homeless people. Many of these people have mental health issues, and many are the victims of abuse.

Please help us move forward as a community on this urgent issue.

Sincerely,

Dennis Johnson

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Item 34 on BOS Agenda: Community Plan To Reduce and Eliminate Homelessness in EDC

Mary Lou Giles <mlgiles18@yahoo.com>

Sun, Feb 20, 2022 at 11:19 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing to urge the BOS to participate in and adopt this plan, which was a collaborative effort, and is a comprehensive approach to address a complex issue. As the plan says we are in desperate need of transitional, supportive, **and** affordable housing so that our homeless neighbors have a safe place to stay. There is also dire need of a Navigation Center to help folks get the services they need to get their lives on track and become self sufficient.

Please take action to support this Strategic Plan.

Thank you,

Mary Lou Giles

Cameron Park



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BOS meeting 2/22/22 item #22-0294

Diane Rabinowitz <drabino1951@yahoo.com>

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Dear Clerk and Supervisors,

I have participated in the development of EDOK's strategic plan and have read through the presentation they are providing to you. I am so glad that our county is ready to face and respond materially and spiritually to the needs of "the least of us" in order to garner the well-being of all of us.

All four goals and the action items required to achieve them are equally important. However, the ones that will bring the greatest return on our investment, in my opinion, are the establishment of a year round emergency shelter and navigation center, a safe parking program, and a landlord support and outreach program. The construction of thousands of units of low income housing will take time, but the three items I mentioned can be accomplished within months.

I urge you to support the EDOK strategic plan in a timely manner and follow up with directions to the departments involved to get these things done.

Best regards,

Diane Rabinowitz
President NAMI El Dorado County
Program Committee, Housing El Dorado
Volunteer, The Upper Room Dining Hall
310 404 5252

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ITEM 34 on the BOS AGENDA - COMMUNITY PLAN TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN EDC

Debra McCartney <dgmadvocacy@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 7:53 AM

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Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us, edc.cob@edcgov.us, bostthree@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisor Turnboo,

We are writing in support the EDOK COC 5 year county-wide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness.

This week we will volunteer on the PIT count and the weather looks to be a challenge. It is a stark reminder of how harsh conditions can be for our neighbors who are unhoused in our County.

We also know that the PIT count will likely be an undercount, but it will give the county more data to respond to this crisis.

We encourage the BOS to participate and adopt this plan, which was a collaborative effort and is a comprehensive approach to address this complex issue.

As you are aware, there are only 4 counties in the state of California that do not have a year-round emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. El Dorado County is one of them.

A navigation center would allow for safe discharges from the emergency room, hospital jail and our psychiatric health facility.

The plan sets a goal to have a Navigation Center/Shelter up and running by Fall 2022, in time for fire season and winter next year.

It also sets a goal for transitional, supportive and affordable housing so that our homeless neighbors have a safe, warm place and the services they need to become self sufficient.

We both have spent our careers working for Non-profits and in local and state government focused on issues impacting youth and families. We understand that adequate and safe housing is the foundation for the strong economic and educational health of any community.

We want to thank the EDOK CoC for this comprehensive plan and the BOS for their immediate action to support the Strategic Plan.

With thanks,

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Debra and Kevin McCartney
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Item #34 EDOC COC Strategic Plan

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Mon, Feb 21, 2022 at 9:22 AM

To the Board of Supervisors:

Because of my experience working with the Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless and the Warm room during the past 8 years I have the following comments about Item 34:

After reviewing the document, I strongly support the EDOC COC 5-year County wide /Strategic Plan and ask the board of Supervisors to accept it.

I am especially in favor of low barrier navigation centers as well as long term permanent housing.

I will be looking forward to the results of your discussion of the plan at your meeting on Tuesday, February 22.

Thank you.

Bonnie driscoll



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Item 34 BOS Agenda 2/22/22 - Community Plan to Reduce and Eliminate Homelessness in EDC

Wanda Demarest <wanda42536@sbcglobal.net>

Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 9:23 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

To the EDC Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to adopt EDOK's Strategic Plan to Reduce and Eliminate Homelessness in El Dorado County. It is not a "boiler plate" plan. It has been created by professionals and community members to reflect the needs of our community and only our community. It is the results of many long and arduous hours of research, debates, focus groups and a lot of listening to those affected by the plight of homelessness. Please don't shut the door on this. It is our last great hope before we completely lose the battle.

Sincerely,

Wanda Demarest
Placerville Resident



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ITEM 34 on the BOS AGENDA - COMMUNITY PLAN TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN EDC

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Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 9:58 AM

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I support the EDOK COC 5 year county-wide strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness

I encourage the BOS to participate and adopt this plan, which was a collaborative effort and is a comprehensive approach to address this complex issue

El Dorado County is one of 4 counties in the state that don't have a year-round emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. Without a navigation center, those being discharged from the emergency rooms, hospitals or jail are much less likely to be successful when faced with the challenges of homelessness

Having a Navigation Center/Shelter up and running by Fall, 2022, in time for fire season and the winter, is crucial.

And as the plan says, we are in desperate need of transitional, supportive and affordable housing so that our homeless neighbors have a safe, warm place and the services they need to get their lives together and become self sufficient.

I have been making up emergency packs for the unhoused to include socks, snacks, water, \$5, personal items and a personal note but these kind of individual efforts can never deliver the support that's needed. Only community/government support can provide for immediate needs and help to transition from homelessness.

Thanks to the EDOK CoC for this comprehensive plan. As a county resident (district five), I urge the BOS to take immediate action to support the comprehensive Strategic Plan so we can move forward as a community to tackle this complex problem for the sake of everyone in our community.

Sincerely,

Martha Cooper

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