

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
From: Frank Porter, Vice-President, Housing El Dorado
Date: April 2, 2024
Re: April 2, 2024, Consent agenda items, 15, 16, 17, & 18 - Support

My name is Frank Porter and I represent Housing El Dorado, a non-profit homeless services and affordable housing advocacy organization. HED works with other nonprofits, local medical providers, public agencies, faith organizations, and private donors, to provide emergency rental assistance, navigation services, a shower/medical assistance/meal program, a safe parking program, the JumpStart ADU project, along with seeking other solutions to address our county's urgent need for more workforce & family housing and to prevent homelessness.

I'm here today to applaud and commend members of the Board of Supervisors, the EDC Planning and Building Department and Chief Administrative Officer, for bringing forward agenda Items 15, 16, 17 and 18 on today's consent agenda.

These consent items represent solid work at meeting our county's urgent need for 2,100 homes for low income EDC working families, seniors and residents:

Consent item 15 - moves forward with establishing & staffing an Affordable Housing Task force to develop a much needed Affordable Housing Ordinance;

Consent item 16 - approves the submittal of an application for \$12,150,000 in additional funding for the El Dorado Haven Apartments, Mercy Housing's project on Federated Church property;

Consent item 17 - approves the application to provide up to \$1,500,000 in funding for First-Time Homebuyer Program and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program;

Consent Item 18 - Makes a finding that the Country Club Apartments project provides significant community benefit by providing housing that is affordable to very-low, low[1]and moderate-income households and provides a TIF offset in support of this project.

On behalf of Housing El Dorado, I want to state our appreciation to the Board of Supervisors, Planning and Building Department, and the CAO for moving forward on these investments in additional workforce/affordable housing.

HED looks forward to continuing our collaborative work with the BOS, county agencies, affordable housing industry leaders, medical industry leaders, local churches, and nonprofits to see to completion the many other workforce and family housing construction projects that will need to be completed in the near future to meet the urgent need for 2,100 affordable EDC homes. It's clearly time for 'all hands on deck' to address this need for affordable housing.