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Board of Supervisors  
Clerk of the Board

Suzanne,

Please distribute this statement and read into record after formal reading by you occurs.

Statement from Supervisor Briggs regarding Item 43 08-0395

This item asks from the Board for direction on CDBG grant 08-STBG-4982 for a homeless shelter.

I've spent considerable time meeting with advocates, interested parties and staff since the last time this matter was brought before our Board and have come to the following conclusions:

- 1) Homelessness in El Dorado County is real
- 2) Immediate action to address a miserable economic climate in face of the return of an El nino weather pattern suggesting fierce, wet storms.
- 3) There is a need for a long term homeless facility near infrastructure
- 4) The County of El Dorado should assist advocates positively.
- 5) Assistance may include favorable sale or lease terms of county property
- 6) The above referenced grant has too many constraints making it unviable and should be rejected.
- 7) Staff should be directed to actively work with advocates to come up with solutions for near and long term facility

Respectfully,



Ron Briggs  
District IV