



Public Comment #32
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For Public Comment- Agenda Item 32- Sheriff's Hostess

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Clerk of the Board, this is for submission to be included with Agenda item 32

To all concerned-

I was surprised to see this agenda item #32 being discussed on the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting.

First and foremost, I would like to remind the board of the heroic and saintly efforts of Sheriff D' Agostini and the El Dorado County Sheriff's office, who not only came to the rescue of the citizens of this County during the Caldor fire evacuating citizens and families, but our own Sheriff went one step beyond any of us individuals and opened his home up to 120 evacuees and dozens of livestock.

On August 10, 2021, the Sheriff proposed a bold plan that was unanimously supported by the entire Board of Supervisors. You all agreed to allow the Sheriff the opportunity to build a new concept for addressing homelessness in our County. Four days later, Caldor fire hit. The Caldor fire was deemed officially contained 10/21/2021. That was two weeks ago. Since August 10, 2021 the Sheriff has been involved in the herculean effort of securing, evacuating and repopulating our County. We are just getting back to a state where we can slowly begin to discuss the rebuilding efforts. Our hearts and our heads have been directed at the victims of this tragedy.

To place this agenda item on the calendar and call the Sheriff to address what work he has done on this project and ask for a vote is DEPLORABLE and disingenuous. It is becoming abundantly clear that both Don Ashton in concert with Don Semon, are working diligently to block the Sheriff from working together with County agencies with the intention to sabotage his proposal before it even has a chance to be explored in full. It is even more clear, that Mr. Ashton and Mr. Semon are working together to ensure that the path is clear for the Board to approve Project Homekey by the end of this year. There is no other viable excuse to give the Sheriff this short of time, except for the submission timeline for Project Homekey Grants and the anticipated presentation before the end of this year.

It is VERY clear that the office of HHSA and Mr. Ashton are attempting to clear the path for the approval to pursue Homekey grants. After all, if there is no alternate plan, as Mr. Hidahl has stated - we can't do "nothing."

I understand that there is currently an issue statement provided by continuum of care that the Sheriff's very preliminary proposals have some challenges. However, the Sheriff and his team are working on how to overcome those barriers to modify their solution.

I implore the Board to see through this clear and apparent maneuver to clear a path for the approval of Project Homekey without the public being able to explore other options. I strongly encourage the Board to be genuine in your intentions to allow the Sheriff the time and opportunity to develop this proposition further. The Sheriff was able to house 120 newly homeless individuals, provide them resources, and help with compassion during a local crisis; he deserves the opportunity to be heard. He has earned the right to be given more time to develop his proposal. HHSA has not been able to solve homelessness in years, yet you are expecting the Sheriff to develop a proposal in three month's time while he is in the middle of an emergency protecting our citizens, their homes and their property?

The CAO's voice is far too loud in this County. The Board are the elected officials who represent us, Don Ashton is merely an employee of the County- you do not work for Mr. Ashton, nor should Mr. Ashton be determining that the Sheriff has had enough time to execute on his proposal

Mr. Ashton and Mr. Semon-Your intentions, motives, machinations and duplicitous nature are transparent even when your communications are not. FYI- I received the results of the FOIA requests and received a copy of the termination letter for the executed agreements between your office and the two Cameron Park hotels for Project Roomkey. So as suspected, you had a relationship with those hotels in spite of your obvious attempts to claim these programs are not coming to Cameron Park. After multiple communications and questions surrounding our community involvement, your office has never disclosed this information and the contracts. I will be addressing this information when it is more timely.

Supervisors- I encourage you to find your leadership voice and recognize this is a clear and apparent attempt to secure an easier approval for a very controversial matter- Project Homekey.

"Whatever rights or powers the government has, comes from us, from the consent of the governed"- US Constitution.

Firmly,
Colleen Hearn, Founder, CCOCP



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To Board of Supervisors:

PLEASE! PLEASE! Please, continue to explore the "HOSTESS" project proposed by the Sheriff, item 32 on the Board agenda. I may be unable to attend the meeting due to personal obligations, but want to express to you my support of this project.

Since the initial proposal was submitted and unanimously supported by the Board, our County experienced a wildfire crisis where the Sheriff and his team dedicated their time, energy, and resources both on and off duty to supporting our community. The Sheriff needs to be given the time to fully explore and formulate his proposal and work towards resolving any barriers that were presented during this time.

In summary, I support the Sheriff's proposal and concept and would like the Board to vote to continue to allow the Sheriff to pursue this creative, bold option for our County.

Thank you for your time.

Marsi Girardi,
Cameron Park



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HOSTESS Project Support

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To Board of Supervisors-

I am writing to voice my support for pursuing and continuing to explore the "HOSTESS" project proposed by the Sheriff, item 32 on the Board agenda.

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Thank you for your time.

Tiffany Rolston
Concerned Citizens of Cameron Park



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Agenda item re: Homeless in El Dorado Co.

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I am writing to the BOS to strongly endorse the El Dorado Co. Sheriff Dept.'s project HOSTESS Program. I feel that this project planning should be evaluated more favorably over the HOMEKEY PLAN because it will provide a better overall solution for the homeless population of our county. The Sheriff's plan can not only provide a safer environment; provide the necessary services to support those in need with rehab opportunities, training and employment, but also be more cost effective. I am unable to attend the BOS meeting in person due to prior commitments. After nearly 30 years working in the CA Dept. of CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, going into and clearing out numerous homeless camps, I will share with you that the majority of these individuals have substance abuse and mental health issues that will be better dealt with in a more supported/supervised environment. Simply placing a roof over their heads will not solve the problem. Again, in regards to item 32 on the agenda, I urge the BOS to give the Sheriff's plan, the HOSTESS PROJECT the consideration and respect it is due for all of the hard work, forethought and planning that has already been given to this solution. The Sheriff's initial plan and proposal was unanimously accepted by this body and I feel they should be given the opportunity to present their full and final program before any final decisions are made. This is an issue that will impact our county and the citizens of Cameron Park for years to come. HOMEKEY may feel like an easy fix to you, but I believe that it should not be rushed into. It has not proven to be all that successful in other communities. Thank you for your time.

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

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FYI, public comment #32, 21-1668.

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"Hostess" Project

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To Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in to demonstrate my support for pursuing and continuing to explore the "HOSTESS" project proposed by the Sheriff, item 32 on the Board agenda. I am unable to attend the meeting on the morning of 11-9-21 due to personal obligations otherwise I would be in attendance.

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