

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION:**

**A) AUTHORIZING AN ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000 (\$3,500,000 IN FY 2026-27 AND \$3,500,000 IN FY 2027-28) TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAY AREA HOPE LODGE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY; AND**

**B) AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, INC. TO SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAY AREA HOPE LODGE IN SAN MATEO COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000,000**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States, approximately 200,000 people travel more than forty miles to receive cancer treatment, and the American Cancer Society (ACS) Hope Lodge provides free housing to cancer patients and their caregivers who travel to receive treatment, with ACS Hope Lodges operating across 23 states and Puerto Rico, providing approximately 500,000 nights of free lodging annually to roughly 36,000 cancer patients; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently no Hope Lodge facilities on the West Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, within the Bay Area, approximately 47% of cancer patients travel more than 40 miles to access treatment, while approximately 6,000 patients travel across the country every year to access cancer care in the Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, with cancer incidence rates increasing regionally, demand for supportive lodging is expected to continue to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, ACS has identified San Mateo County as an ideal location for California's first Hope Lodge due to its proximity to multiple nationally recognized cancer treatment centers, including the Stanford Cancer Institute, the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Dorothy Schneider Cancer Center at Mills-Peninsula Medical Center, and Kaiser Permanente medical centers in Redwood City and South San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed San Mateo County location, with 70 guest suites, would be the largest Hope Lodge in the country, and would provide support that addresses, among other things, patients' nutrition, physical activity, social connection, and stress management needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area Hope Lodge is projected to provide, on an annual basis, more than 43,000 nights of free lodging and wrap-around services for patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the state-of-the-art Hope Lodge would also be among the first in the country to include a dedicated Cancer Wellness Hub open to the broader community through a program that would provide support services to those impacted by cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, a proposed allocation of grant funds totaling \$7,000,000—\$3,500,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$3,500,000 in FY 2027-28—would contribute to ACS's broader \$150 million fundraising effort to finance the construction of the Bay Area Hope Lodge; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board intends to authorize and direct the County Executive, or designee, working in consultation with the County Attorney, to negotiate a grant agreement with ACS in an amount not to exceed the County's \$7,000,000 allocation and the grant agreement would state that the County's contribution for the Hope Lodge would be contingent upon ACS raising sufficient additional funds to complete the Bay Area Hope Lodge project and that the County's grant funds would be returned should ACS be unable to raise sufficient funds and that the Hope Lodge shall be located in San Mateo County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo hereby: (1) authorizes an allocation of grant funds to the American Cancer Society, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 (\$3,500,000 in FY 2026-27 and \$3,500,000 in FY 2027-28) to support construction of the Bay Area Hope Lodge in San Mateo County; and (2) authorizes and directs the County Executive, or designee(s), in consultation with the County Attorney, to negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the American Cancer Society, Inc. to support construction of the Bay Area Hope Lodge in San Mateo County in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, with disbursement of County funds conditioned upon ACS's completion of its full financing efforts and the Hope Lodge being located in San Mateo County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute amendments to the grant agreement with the American Cancer Society, Inc. described herein which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services as long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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