RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR DESIGNEE(S), TO EXECUTE: A) AN AGREEMENT WITH FOCUS STRATEGIES FOR EVALUATION OF THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS SHELTER OPERATIONS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $200,000 FOR A TERM OF AUGUST 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND B) AN AGREEMENT WITH FOCUS STRATEGIES FOR EVALUATION OF THE COUNTY'S DIVERSION AND COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $200,000 FOR A TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

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

WHEREAS, the County's Diversion and Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a process that standardizes the way individuals and families at risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness are assessed for and referred to the housing and services that they need for housing stability; and

WHEREAS, to serve this population, the County contracts with homeless shelters operated by Samaritan House (Pacific Shelter, El Camino House, and Safe Harbor Shelter), WeHope (WeHope Shelter and Coast House (after June 30, 2024)), StarVista (Daybreak Shelter), LifeMoves (Navigation Center, Coast House (before July 1, 2024), and Family Shelters (Haven Family House, Family Crossroads, Redwood Family House, and First Step for Families); and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in ensuring that its programs to serve the public are effective and efficient, and conducting evaluations provides actionable information on the efficacy of County programs, increases transparency and accountability, and helps leaders make evidence-based decisions; and

WHEREAS, evaluations can be critical to understanding the populations served by the County's programs and how to improve services which is especially important for programs that address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, County staff conducted a competitive procurement to identify and select a qualified contractor to assist with the evaluation of contracts funded by the County's Measure K sales tax and have selected Focus Strategies to evaluate certain programs within the category of housing and homelessness, which is their area of expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with and desires for the County to enter into an agreement with Focus Strategies to evaluate the County's contracted homeless shelter operations for a total amount not to exceed $200,000 and for a term from August 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board has been presented with and desires for the County to enter into an agreement with Focus Strategies to evaluate the effectiveness of the County's Diversion and Coordinated Entry System (CES) for a total amount not to exceed $200,000 and for a term from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed both of the proposed agreements with Focus Strategies, examined them as to form and content, and desires to enter into the agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute an agreement with Focus Strategies for evaluation of the County's homeless shelter operations for a total amount not to exceed $200,000 for a term of August 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Focus Strategies for evaluation of the County's Diversion and Coordinated Entry System for a total amount not to exceed $200,000 for a term of January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized to execute amendments to both of the agreements authorized by this Resolution which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than $25,000 (in aggregate) per agreement, and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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