

Public Comment

(Consent Agenda Items, County Manager's Report, Closed Session, and matters not listed on the agenda)



SAN MATEO COUNTY
PARTICIPATORY DEFENSE

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

We, concerned families and community members of San Mateo County want to bring your attention to the negligence and inhumane treatment of people incarcerated in the county jails. Through our minimal communication with our loved ones, we have heard of multiple causes of concern about how jail staff and the Sheriff disregard basic health precautions to the detriment of our loved ones. To name a few: people are not tested upon release, many people released from custody are not connected to community resources, and many CO's refuse to wear masks or gloves properly.

It is only natural for families to worry about their incarcerated loved ones especially as COVID-19 cases continue to increase. The heightened risk of COVID-19 in jails and Sheriff Bolanos' unwillingness to respond to family concerns adds stress and anxiety. The Sheriff's office has taken a passive approach by denying people visitation and not providing family members with information on COVID protection.

At the start of the pandemic, Sheriff Bolanos immediately discontinued all in-person, behind-the-glass visits. For months, families were faced with a choice: not talking to their loved ones or facing the financial costs of texts and calls. In June, the Sheriff introduced video visits as a replacement for in-person behind-the-glass visits. While the option for free video visits was an improvement, the implementation phase has not only been challenging for those without proper electronic devices but the constant technical issues make it frustrating.

For example, in one family's experience, logging into the video visits is continually challenging. Sometimes, even if both people are on the line with perfect internet, it will show a loading screen for the entirety of the 30 minute visit. Regardless of whether the video actually works properly, there is no opportunity for people inside to reschedule a visit and when help is requested from CO's, they don't have the technical skills to assist.

When families have contacted the jail to resolve these issues, jail staff redirects families toward the company that provides the service. However, this results in lack of responses often sending families back to the jail and neither one can take responsibility. After six months of implementation of video visits, there are still major downfalls to this system, which the Sheriff has refused to deal with.

The major significance of this issue is the effect that physical and emotional isolation can have on our loved ones. As families, we know that family contact and fostering relationships with people back in the community is integral to the rehabilitation of our loved ones. Keeping regular communication with their significant others, children, parents and other support systems gives them an incentive to fully rehabilitate and complete their time to reintegrate back to the community upon their release.

Given the major technical issues with video visits, as well as the months-long physical and emotional isolation of our loved ones inside Maguire and Maple Jail, we are demanding in-person, behind-the-glass visits to be reinstated. Prior to COVID-19, the in-person behind the glass visits process had limited exposure for jail staff. There are glass windows separating physical interaction, and if indeed, jail staff are following health provisions, COVID-19 exposure due to in person visits should not happen. This simple solution will not require additional personnel or fickle technology, and will eliminate the added burden on jail staff to answer the insurmountable questions from the public and families.

Families are mindful that if in-person visits are restored, the same precautions recommended by the CDC should be followed including wearing masks, social distancing, and proper sanitation. There is a precedent for in-person, behind-the-glass visits in the federal prison system during the pandemic. County jails in both Santa Clara and Sutter County have found a way to accommodate, in-person, behind-the-glass visits during the pandemic. Especially as San Mateo is staying open longer than other counties, why do our community inside the jails and us, the families, get denied family visits during COVID while restaurants

While the Sheriff has done the bare minimum, there are many families who have questions related to their loved ones' health and the Sheriff's ongoing response in light of COVID.

Questions for the Sheriff:

- Public Information about Jail Population and Covid-19 Cases
 - At the beginning of the pandemic, the Sheriff was publishing monthly reports about COVID-19 infection and updated population numbers in the jail. For the past few months, these reports have stopped, along with any information about COVID-19 infection in the jail.
 - When will the Sheriff's Office resume publishing information about COVID-19 and population numbers inside the jail?
- What are the efforts in reducing the jail population and reconsidering release of people?
- What are the plans for distribution of the vaccine?
 - When are people incarcerated in county jails going to get access to a vaccine? Will they get access before people on the outside because of the proven health risks of incarceration?

- Is programming going to be continued when people inside are vaccinated?
- Public Information on MOU between Sheriff and CDCR
 - Families have attended state public hearings where CDCR (California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation) has shared that each county has an MOU for keeping people in county jails. Is this information accessible online for the public? If not, from whom can families request this MOU?

We, as the families, have the best interest of both the community and our loved ones inside and want to work together with the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff's office to make sure that our loved ones are healthy and connected to their support systems during their rehabilitation. People who are currently in our county jails are a part of our community and should be included in conversations about public health in San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

San Mateo Participatory Defense & Families

Sherry Golestan

From: Pam Lampkin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Sherry Golestan
Subject: Statement from Music at Kohl Mansion for December 8 Board of Supervisors meeting

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Dear Ms. Golestan,

Robin Rodricks has directed me to provide you with a statement to be included in the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting as part of our grantee requirements.

It is my pleasure to offer the following brief comments.

Thank you for supporting our work.

Pam Lampkin
Development Manager
Music at Kohl Mansion
[REDACTED]

Dear Board of Supervisors, staff and guests,

Music at Kohl Mansion remains grateful to the San Mateo County Arts Commission and Board of Supervisors for your continued support of our mission to build community through music, especially Covid19 relief funds which helped us to pivot to online concert and educational programming.

We are meeting the needs of long-time patrons as well as new found friends who are engaging with us as part of their discovery of the virtual arts world.

Audience members are raving about our first two virtual Season 38 concerts!

"An oasis of beauty during a difficult time."

"It was truly transformative and uplifting in one of the darkest times of our lives."

"It was pure delight! I'm loving these at home concerts!"

I think we can all agree. This is the kind of outcome we all hope for.

With deepest appreciation.

Music at Kohl Mansion

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: December 8 public comment
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 11:30:45 AM

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Hi all,

I am hoping to make a public comment during the public comment section of the agenda for the Board of Supervisors Meeting on December 8, 2020. Please let me know if I can do this "live" on zoom or if this written statement is sufficient.

My name is Jenese Sieben and I am the President of the Board of Pied Piper Players, a local family theater arts organization. I am here today to thank the Supervisors for the grant Pied Piper Players (PPP) received from the San Mateo County Arts Commission. Pied Piper Players is dedicated to the promotion of confidence, community and excellence through the performing arts. Historically we perform 2 mainstage shows a year at Bayside Performing Arts Center, along with various classes and camps throughout the year. PPP was founded 20 years ago and has seen substantial growth in that time. We started out in parent's garages and various church and school rehearsal spaces to now having our own home on South Amphlett in San Mateo. The grant we received has allowed us to continue to occupy our current space and we have been able to pivot some of our offerings to online classes. Unfortunately, we are unable to predict when we will be able to do live theater in person again, but with prudent financial decisions, and help from the community and organizations such as the Arts Commission, we are hopeful that we will be around when the world is ready to welcome live performances again. Thank you again for including PPP in the arts grants.

For more information about Pied Piper Players, please visit www.piedpiperplayers.org.

Be well and stay safe,
Jenese Sieben
Pied Piper Players Board President
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers ([What's this?](#))

ITEM NO. 11



CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

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December 8, 2020

Board of Supervisors
San Mateo County
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: Acquisition of the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay for Transitional Housing

Honorable President and Members of the Board:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Half Moon Bay. Homelessness has been a long-standing priority for the City Council, yet a very challenging issue in Half Moon Bay. The Coastside of the County has a higher percentage of homeless individuals when compared to the rest of the County, yet many of the necessary services are not on the Coastside. Additionally, trending numbers show that positive COVID-19 cases are higher on the Coastside than the County average.

The City Council is supportive of this acquisition to purchase the Coastside Inn and very appreciative that the County is pursuing this unique opportunity afforded by the CARES Act. The City held two public meetings on November 19 and December 1, 2020 to discuss this proposal with the community. The Council wants to specifically acknowledge Supervisor Horsley, County Manager, Mike Callagy, and the Human Services Agency Director, Ken Cole, for attending these two meetings, presenting the proposal, and answering questions from the Council and public.

Addressing homelessness is one of the most vexing challenges of our time, and part of the challenge is the community stigma attached to these individuals—human beings—who have found themselves without basic shelter. At the December 1, 2020 meeting, over 200 community members attended the meeting and 60 people spoke. While many people were in favor of establishing transitional housing in Half Moon Bay, many had concerns and questions, and many were outright opposed.

The City Council prides themselves on serving *all citizens of the City* and they are grappling with the opposition and community concerns. They want to break the stigma of homelessness, address the concerns of the community members who are opposed, and ensure that this facility is successful in the long-term.



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To do that, the Council and community are requesting some commitments from the County. Specifically, they are requesting the County consider and commit to the following:

- Reimbursement of the financial loss from removing a hotel from the tax rolls (there is a huge loss to the City of Transient Occupancy Tax but also property tax and sales tax to a lesser extent)
- City participation in selection of the operator and design of the program(s). The “short list” of potential operators would also make a public presentation before final selection is made
- City and community ongoing involvement to ensure success of the facility and associated programs
- The use of local non-profits and businesses to provide support and services
- A clear commitment by the County to prioritize City residents and Coastsiders in the facility
- County assistance in remediating and restoring abandoned homeless encampments
- Comprehensive and reliable background checks that will screen out potential program participants with violent criminal backgrounds including assault, battery and sex crimes involving either children or adults (including Megan's list).
- County, in consultation with the City, to draft a plan to turn the facility into permanent supportive housing or deed-restricted Below Market Rate housing for low-income individuals, or co-housing, or workforce housing within five years from the date of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- A plan for appropriate disposition of the facility should the program not be successful as originally envisioned

The key to these commitments is that the success of the facility is dependent on partnerships: between the City and County; the service providers and the City/County; the facility residents; and most importantly, the community. The commitments listed above, while not exhaustive of all concerns and program details, were the essential themes at the December 1, 2020 meeting and many people spoke to the need for a written document that consummates the partnership between the County and City. The City Council requests that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be developed and

approved by both agencies that establishes roles, responsibilities and the commitments summarized above. The City and community want to ensure the facility is successful: a facility that breaks down the stigma of homelessness and is a source of pride for the Coastsiders.



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On behalf of the City of Half Moon Bay, thanks again for your Board's dedication to the goal of "functional zero" homelessness and your commitment to the City and Coastside.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Half Moon Bay City Council
Robert Nisbet, City Manager

CC: Mayor and Councilmembers, City of Half Moon Bay

From: Melissa Foley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 9:31 AM
To: CMO BoardFeedback
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Miramar Hotels

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SMC and HMB elected officials,

The proposal to purchase the Miramar hotels and convert them into homeless housing has raised a considerable amount of concern across the Miramar neighborhood and Coastside community. A government of the people, by the people, and for the people is the cornerstone to our way of life. This plan to drastically change the community of Miramar, without local input, is wholly un-democratic and represents government overreach, plain and simple. Please show the following at a community meeting and through the local paper ASAP to increase transparency immediately.

1. Show how this plan does not affect HMB local budgets and the city's ability to financially recover from the COVID-19 economic downturn. How does the city make up for this loss in revenue opportunity? How does it make sense for SMC to remove revenue streams from struggling municipalities during a pandemic induced economic downturn? SMC should help, not hurt. HMB city budget is at a breaking point.
2. What is the long-term plan to fund this operation post SMC purchase? Is this going to be another unfunded liability that will require additional taxpayer funds in the future?
3. Please show the efficacy of this plan on the outcomes of homeless populations and support this with clear data and evidence.
 - a. Explain how an ocean hotel, in a residential area, with minimal services within walking distance, can be helpful to a homeless population with limited means of transport.
4. Along with #3 what is SMC's master plan to address homelessness? Is this part of that plan? Where does it fit in? Prove that this is not a knee-jerk reaction to a CARES ACT spending deadline.
5. Along with #3a and #4, explain how Miramar is an appropriate location for this land usage. Transportation options? Medical care options? Grocery options? Please show how this location suits this use.
6. What other items / activities can be done with CARES ACT funding? Local school improvements? Local municipality shortfall assistance?
7. Last but not least, community SAFETY. Miramar is a small residential community. What community impact study has been done? What plans are in place? A quick search of anecdotal evidence shows severe impact on crime rate in areas with these projects. How does SMC plan to address this. Families live here, children live here, grandparents live here, WHAT IS THE PLAN?

If there is not a well thought out plan, and this is a knee-jerk reaction to a spending deadline, do not spend the money, full stop. Don't hurt HMB, Miramar, and the Coastside with half baked governance.

Respectfully,
-Melissa and Kyle Foley

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Melissa Foley



From: Patricia McBrayer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 2:42 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Expressing Gratitude

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Dear Honorable Supervisors;

As we approach a most unusual Thanksgiving during a most unprecedented year, I'd like to express my gratitude for your support of Project Roomkey, Project Homekey, and eviction moratoriums in San Mateo County. Your leadership has given many of our most at-risk citizens something for which to be thankful during a time of unimaginable stress.

May you and your loved ones have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

With Gratitude,
Patricia McBrayer
San Mateo County resident

From: Jill Impink [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 4:57 PM
To: Don Horsley
Cc: [REDACTED] CMO_BoardFeedback; [REDACTED]
Subject: Half Moon Bay Hotel Purchase

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To San Mateo county and Half Moon Bay Elected officials:
Although we are sympathetic with the needs of the homeless, drug addicted and mentally ill, we fully believe that this hasty decision has been put forth without any transparency or public input and most certainly is due to the deadline to use the CARE ACT funds.

The purchase of two hotels in our tiny coastal community to house the above aforementioned individuals, one of which is in a residential area with no resources other than a bus stop, would drastically and directly effect the home values, lifestyle and safety that many of us have worked so hard for.

Furthermore, we already know based on what has happened in San Francisco under this same plan; the city has run out of resources and money to properly maintain these homeless hotels which are now covered in trash, needles, feces, fighting, drug dealing and prostitution . The surrounding businesses and neighborhoods have suffered greatly and the Coastside has even less resources to deal with such issues!

We urge you as elected representatives to immediately show us how this will not adversely effect home values, public safety, and the surrounding businesses!

Respectfully,
Jill and Wayne Impink
[REDACTED]
HMB

From: Brooke Morgan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 11:52 PM
To: SMC Board of Supervisors
Subject: Opposition to Homeless Shelter

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors -

I am writing today to formally state my opposition to San Mateo County purchasing the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay for the purpose of sheltering the homeless. We are a small community that lacks all of the resources necessary to sustain this type of service for the homeless. Most importantly, we have no hospital, limited sheriff/police officers, no drug or alcohol interventionists, overwhelming traffic and gridlock in case of an emergency, and the area lacks sufficient entry-level job openings that those in transition to housing require to sustain themselves.

The Coastside Inn is within 2 blocks of 3 schools (Hatch Elementary School, Cunha Middle School, Pilarcitos HS) and the Coastside Boys and Girls Club. This is not an appropriate location for a homeless shelter that provides no services to families in need and that potentially will lead to additional homeless encampments in the surrounding blocks. Young children walk to school in this area and their safety is of utmost concern.

While it's been stated that local homeless will allegedly be given preference when allocating housing, I fear that additional homeless will be brought into our small community to fill the shelter and be a further drain on our limited resources. There have also been no assurances of background or criminal record checks. This housing would essentially assemble a large unknown and unpredictable population in the midst of our largest group of vulnerable youth on the coast.

I urge you to consider the overwhelming amount of community opposition to this purchase and I reiterate my vehement opposition. The Coastside already has limited resources and this proposed shelter will disproportionately pull resources from the rest of our tax paying and voting community. Vote NO on the County's purchase of the Coastside Inn.

Respectfully yours,

Brooke Morgan
[REDACTED] HMB

From: Anne Green [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:35 AM
To: Don Horsley; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Warren Slocum; David Canepa
Cc: Sukhmani Purewal; Sherry Golestan
Subject: Opposition to the purchase of the Coastside Inn

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San Mateo County Board of Supervisors -

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We are also losing tax revenue. What about our Main Street businesses who will lose more revenue when the tourists stop coming because HMB has become a dumpster like Santa Cruz? Who will make up this lost revenue? Who will reimburse property owners when their property values inevitably decrease because of an increased homeless presence? Who will be left holding the bill when "promised" county funds don't come through or end? Our small town is already crippled with debt. We simply can't afford it.

The Coastside Inn is within 2 blocks of 3 schools (Hatch Elementary School, Cunha Middle School, Pilarcitos HS) and the Coastside Boys and Girls Club. This is not an appropriate location for a homeless shelter that provides no services to families in need and that potentially will lead to additional homeless encampments in the surrounding blocks. Young children walk to school in this area and their safety is of utmost concern. I have a 4 year old and 7 year old. I don't want them walking around dirty needles, drugs, trash, increased crime, etc. This is not hyperbole - I work in downtown SF and my husband grew up in Santa Cruz. We've seen first hand what happens when you invite homeless into the community with promises of services... the population will grow exponentially. I refuse to allow the community I grew up in become the disgusting homeless havens that SF and SC have become. Increased crime, increased drugs, increased homeless presence. Is that that picture we want for tourists- the main revenue source for HMB? Mr. Horsely even admitted during your last meeting that there will be increased crime and promised additional sheriff services. You are literally knowingly bringing crime to a small community.

While it's been stated that local homeless will allegedly be given preference when allocating housing, I fear that additional homeless will be brought into our small community to fill the shelter and be a further drain on our limited resources. There have also been no assurances of background, criminal record or sexual offender checks. This housing would essentially assemble a large unknown and unpredictable population in the midst of our largest group of vulnerable youth on the coast. Would you want your kids going to school next to a homeless shelter? Would you want this in your neighborhood, literally across the street from your young children?

There have been no studies, no formalized plans, no community outreach to the people of the Coastside. Will you listen to those who elected you into office?

I urge you to consider the overwhelming amount of community opposition to this purchase and I reiterate my vehement opposition. Look at the 2 opposing [change.org](https://www.change.org) petitions- the group in opposition to the purchase is leading by an almost a 9:1 ratio. While some of the supporters are the most vocal people on the coast, the overwhelming majority of citizens oppose this. The Coastside already has limited resources and this proposed shelter will disproportionately pull resources from the rest of our tax paying and voting community. You were elected to represent us and our interests. This is in direct opposition to your constituent's wants. Do the right thing and let Coastside residents know that you care about them and don't just represent people over the hill. We do not want a homeless shelter in our community and formally oppose the proposal.

Respectfully yours,

Anne Green

, HMB

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Leth (US), Torrey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Sukhmani Purewal; Sherry Golestan
Subject: FW: Half Moon Bay Coastside Inn purchase

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Fyi, see my email below to the SMC board of supervisors.

Best Regards,

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From: Leth (US), Torrey
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Subject: Half Moon Bay Coastside Inn purchase

All,

First I would like to thank all of you for your tireless, often unrecognized effort to make this county a better place to live in. I truly do appreciate civil servants, and people that work for the city, county, state, country.

I am typically not a very political person, but find it necessary to voice my concerns over the recent proposal to buy the Coastside Inn and convert it to "transitional housing".

I have many concerns, but the primary one, would be the one of safety for our local schoolchildren.

The Coastside Inn is about 1,000 feet from Hatch Elementary School, Cunha Intermediate School, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Coast. My own daughter frequently walked to school from our neighborhood of Alsace Lorraine to Cunha along Kelly Ave. during her formative years. If the Coastside Inn had been converted to "transitional housing" during that time, I would've no longer felt safe in letting her walk to school, and I would've driven her instead. For if even one

homeless individual slips thru the cracks, and is a convicted rapist, then what could happen? They could easily lure a youth into their hotel room with offers of candy, drugs, alcohol, etc, and then who knows what might happen! Can any one of you live with the consequences if something like this might happen? What assurances do we have that this will never happen? None! There is no way to screen each homeless individual that would come thru the doors of the Coastside Inn- None!!! Do some of them even have ID's? SSN's? what kinds of background checks would you provide? Are background checks even legal in CA? Aren't many homeless people homeless because they don't want to register as sex offenders in California due to Megan's law??? I read that even after California relaxed the requirements to register under Megan's Law/Jessica's law, that many homeless people preferred to remain "homeless". Why might that be? So that they wouldn't have to register as a sex offender and be subject to the embarrassment?

What about convicted felons? Same questions apply as the paragraph above. Drug users? Alcoholics? Mentally ill people? All of these people would need help, that I have heard that the coastside is not equipped to handle. Do we have enough mental health, drug/alcohol, professionals to handle the influx of new cases? If not, will these people have to be bussed over the hill for these services?

What about job opportunities, or the lack there of? How are these people supposed to be able to find meaningful work on the coast, other than cleaning up the beaches as part of Abundance Grace's program? I have seen these homeless people walk thru my neighborhood picking up trash, but to be honest, I'd rather they walk up and down Kelly than thru my neighborhood on Potter Ave.

What about policing/security? We have heard your promises of increased policing (if needed). That is all just promises as far as I'm concerned. WE need 24/7/365 security of the Coastside Inn. We need to be able to see who is coming/going in these hotel rooms. To make sure there is no drug dealing, sex crimes, etc, etc. This will cost money. We need a contract in writing with how much the county will contribute toward this security cost.

How about the loss of tax revenues to our city and our local schools? I have read that the local CUSD school district would lose \$2,707/year and the city would lose \$30,250/year. Will the county commit to reimburse the city/CUSD these funds for the entirety of the homeless project? The city of HMB relies primarily on the transit occupancy tax to fund their budget. This would be a large loss for the city in perpetuity.

What is the rush to buy the hotels? Why not rent them out like they are doing in San Francisco, and then convert them back to hotels after the pandemic?

What is the rationale for using CARES act money that is designed for Covid-19 uses (short term) to solve a long term issue like homelessness?

What about the large proportion of the homeless population that never wants to live in transitional housing because of all of the rules? Has anyone done a poll as to whether the local homeless would even want to move into this housing under the stipulated rules?

I have a big fear that the homeless population on the coast would grow exponentially because of the new housing. You would give "preference to those with coastside roots". What does that mean? How would you even determine if a homeless person with no identification even has coastal roots? Take their word for it? No way to enforce this. Also, what is coast? Pacifica, HMB, EG, Montara, Pescadero, Highway 35, Santa Cruz? Not enforceable. If you can't fill up the hotel with locals, then you will import others from throughout the county. Then, when they leave, get evicted out of the hotel for breaking the rules, etc, they will end up homeless in HMB. Growing our homeless population.

What are the police/sheriff's views on this proposal? We haven't heard anything from them. It would be interesting to hear their views on what this will do to crime, etc on the coast.

What about funding? All we have heard is promises that the county will cover whatever costs are involved. WE want a contract with specific language that details what costs, the county will cover.

What about lawsuits that come? The city of HMB should be exempt from all lawsuits that would come from any activities that come from the hotel, and the county should be on the hooks for all lawyers, lawsuits, etc legal costs.

These are just the tip of the iceberg about what kinds of questions/concerns we have on the coast. We feel like the county is pushing this on the coastside because the homeless are not wanted on the other side of the hill, and since we are a small, seemingly insignificant population, that you can just dictate the terms to us at the last hour. Ram this down our throats without any planning, discussion, working with the community, etc. What is the hurry now? Why didn't you plan this out better 4 months ago so that we could have meaningful discussions? We'd rather wait, and vote on this proposal at the ballot box than be forced into it.

So many questions, and so little time. This stinks that someone is getting a kick back somewhere in the county. Hmbcity.org

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Best Regards,

Torrey Leth

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From: Amy de Lorimier [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:24 AM
To: Amy deLorimier
Subject: Dumping homeless into hotels on the coast

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Dear Supposed Public Servant,

Let's be frank here. Dumping the county homeless on the coast is just a bid to let the wealthy, and actually *represented*, cities on the other side of the hill shunt their nuisance homeless away from their expensive areas. AND also a venal bid to get the Federal monies that are supposed to be spent for Covid respite.

We both know this is bullshit.

The vast majority of locals are against it. We all know that this will be a disaster, and we are going to fight you tooth and nail.

The civil servant "just doing their job" is the epitome of the banality of evil.

Good day,

Dr. Amy de Lorimier

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Sukhmani Purewal](#)
Subject: Homeless Shelter in HMB
Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:13:12 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors -

I am writing today to formally state my opposition to San Mateo County purchasing the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay for the purpose of sheltering the homeless. We are a small community that lacks all of the resources necessary to sustain this type of service for the homeless. Most importantly, we have no hospital, limited sheriff/police officers, no drug or alcohol interventionists, overwhelming traffic and gridlock in case of an emergency, and the area lacks sufficient entry-level job openings that those in transition to housing require to sustain themselves.

The Coastside Inn is within 2 blocks of 3 schools (Hatch Elementary School, Cunha Middle School, Pilarcitos HS) and the Coastside Boys and Girls Club. This is not an appropriate location for a homeless shelter that provides no services to families in need and that potentially will lead to additional homeless encampments in the surrounding blocks. Young children walk to school in this area and their safety is of utmost concern.

While it's been stated that local homeless will allegedly be given preference when allocating housing, I fear that additional homeless will be brought into our small community to fill the shelter and be a further drain on our limited resources. There have also been no assurances of background or criminal record checks. This housing would essentially assemble a large unknown and unpredictable population in the midst of our largest group of vulnerable youth on the coast.

I urge you to consider the overwhelming amount of community opposition to this purchase and I reiterate my vehement opposition. The Coastside already has limited resources and this proposed shelter will disproportionately pull resources from the rest of our tax paying and voting community. Vote NO on the County's purchase of the Coastside Inn.

Respectfully yours,

Sundance Scardino

[REDACTED]
Half Moon Bay, Ca
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: Anita Marlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 6:04 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Proposed Homeless Shelter at Quality Inn in Miramar

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors:

I wanted to attend the Half Moon Bay City Council Zoom meeting last night, but my day starts at 4 a.m. and doesn't end until after 7 p.m., so I didn't have the energy for it.

I have lived in California for over 35 years, paying taxes all of that time. I did not get into my own home until I was 55 years of age.

It is very concerning to me that the county is planning to house the homeless just 1/2 mile from me in Miramar.

- Why do you want to move homeless people into a neighborhood where there are not any homeless? Why don't you keep them in the downtown area?
- Are any of the 17,000 prisoners released by Gavin Newsom going to be among the homeless housed at Quality Inn?
- Why are you planning more rooms to be available than there are homeless in Half Moon Bay? Are you planning to take the overflow from San Francisco?
- What type of people will be housed at the Quality Inn? I'm all in favor of people who want to get back on their feet, but there is a certain element of chronically homeless who should not be housed in Miramar. This will affect the safety of our neighborhood and our home values.

It's fine that you want to help people, but what about the tax paying citizen like me who has worked all of their lives to keep a roof over their head? Are my concerns going to be discounted and ignored?

Thank you.

Anita Marlin

From: Lauren C. Dowling [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 10:37 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Support - Project Homekey on the Coast

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is **Lauren** and I'm writing in **support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside.**

I want to see more homes on the coastside because I love my community and want as many vulnerable community members as sheltered as possible. This is especially critical in a pandemic as it is critical for our public health to both protect houseless folks as well as slow the spread.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It sent an amazing example of how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered populations. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.** This is the right thing to do.

Thank you.
Lauren

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lauren c. dowling

[REDACTED]
she/her/they

From: Betsy Giovannoni [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 12:28 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Project room key

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My name is Betsy Giovannoni, I live in San Mateo County. I am very supportive of the Project Room Key program and am writing to request that you provide as many rooms as possible to house our in housed people on the coast. We must help those without housing or the ability to pay for housing right now. Please offer all of the assistance you can.

Sincerely,

Betsy Giovannoni
Pacifica California

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michael Malone [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 4:05 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: more housing for unhoused and at-risk coastsiders

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Michael Malone and I'm writing in support of the County's continued participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside.

I want to see more such housing on the coastside because I love my community and want as many community members as sheltered as possible and because we are in the midst of a pandemic and it is critical for our public health, especially given the number of people without access to medical care

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Thank you.
Michael Malone
[REDACTED]
Pacifica, CA 94044

[REDACTED]

From: Julie Shanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 9:51 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: We are all human

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Hi Supervisors,

It is an important and admirable thing you are doing to purchase motels to house the unsheltered this cold winter season.

Please continue the great work you've done in Redwood City by approving the 52 room purchase in Half Moon Bay.

We are all human, we all deserve shelter, and by choosing to make available shelter to those most vulnerable, (bonus!) you are helping to protect the public from a deadly disease.

No one individual's passing discomfort is worth the sacrifice of someone else's life.

Sincerely,

Julie Shanson

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Julie Shanson
Strategic Partnerships

[REDACTED]

Sherry Golestan

From: Victor Borelli [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 4, 2020 3:00 PM
To: Don Horsley; Dave Pine; Carole Groom; Warren Slocum; Sukhmani Purewal; Sherry Golestan; Coastside Coalition
Cc: Victor Borelli
Subject: Proposed County acquisition of Half Moon Bay motels for Homeless Transition.

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To all concerned (Congresswoman Jackie Speier will be copied as well)

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Please correct me if I am wrong, but the following seems to have occurred:

1. You have, or intended to enter into a binding purchase agreement for either/both the Coastside Inn & Quality Inn. Were appraisals and other normal due-diligence done and did you conduct yourselves required in accordance with all county, state and federal charters/laws in doing so?
2. Did you/ will you enter into these agreements without public knowledge of Impact Studies that should have been conducted, including but not limited to such subjects such as Economic, Environmental, Scholastic, criminal and medical/emergency service concerns?

Allow me to put our absolute opposition to your endeavor in real basic terms:

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In closing, operatives of the parties in favor of your plan managed to nullify an online petition signed by at least 2,000 residents. I believe efforts are underway to start over. You will receive overwhelming opposition correspondence from the majority of residents here, whom you have disregarded

We implore you to consider your constituents and truly vet the best plan to help the homeless, and not make a rash, unilateral decision. Conversely, know that if you pass/approve this I, and many like-minded people will work to bring suit, work with the community/ media, and will work to recall you or back your opponents in the next elections. What you are doing IS NOT RIGHT OR FAIR. What if it was going to happen within 500 feet of where you live? (Be honest). Mr. Slocum, you know everyone in Alcace Lorraine will file appeals to reduce assessed property values, and that means adding even more cost to this frivolous endeavor.

Victor Borelli-Regional Director

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO_BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support Project HomeKey on the Coast!
Date: Saturday, December 5, 2020 9:20:23 AM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Delia McGrath, a 42 years' resident/homeowner in Pacifica. We are in dire need of housing for people on the Coastsides who are unhoused. I'm sure that you want to provide for people in this situation. This is a letter of support for Project HomeKey with special emphasis on SM County obtaining as many rooms as possible, especially here on the coast.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It sent an amazing example of how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered populations. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastsides Inn in Half Moon Bay.** Best Practices for sure!

Thank you.

Delia McGrath

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Writing in support of buying hotels for unhoused people - Coastside Inn
Date: Saturday, December 5, 2020 10:02:26 AM

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Hello,

As a San Mateo resident, I'm writing in support of the effort to buy 52 rooms in Half Moon Bay (the Coastside Inn) to shelter unhoused community members. I am in strong support of purchasing hotels to provide long-term housing for unsheltered people.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Emily

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Dec 8 meeting, Item 11 - please support Project Homekey on the Coast
Date: Saturday, December 5, 2020 6:05:18 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing in support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County. In normal times I regularly spend time in coastside towns for recreation -- I enjoy hiking the trails around Mussel Rock, Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, Pillar Point, and more. I also have patronized various restaurants and other businesses around those towns. (I really hope Moss Beach Distillery and Half Moon Bay Brewing still exist, when Covid is over!) Like anywhere in the Bay Area, I also would sometimes see homeless folks around there. We know that a lot of homelessness just results from people having a stroke of bad luck -- they lose a job and can't find one in time to save their housing, so they then start living out of their car or on the street, and from there health and personal problems pile up. Or they have mental health issues, or just physical health issues and no support network.

I want to see more homes in every community because it is impossible for our other social services to actually help these people unless we first know that they'll have a safe place to sleep. I'd welcome a Homekey project in my own town, if that becomes a possibility.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. This was a great example of how we *can* create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered population, if we have the political will. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. Please continue to approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay. This is the right thing to do.

Thank you,
Auros Harman
San Bruno

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: recommendation: Support - Project Homekey on the Coast
Date: Saturday, December 5, 2020 9:12:35 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is **Catherine Sweeney** and I'm writing in **support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside.**

I want to see more homes on the coastside because I want to see our vulnerable coastsiders housed because we are in a pandemic and it is critical for our public health. I join the Half Moon Bay City Council in asking that the program developed there take seriously the recommendations of the homeless people who will be living there. I have seen the impact programs like those at Abundane Grace can make and think this is another opportunity to reach out to those on the Coastside who need our support.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It sent an amazing example of how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered populations. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.** This is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,
Catherine Sweeney

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Coastside inn
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020 9:44:15 AM

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Dear County Supervisors,

I urge you to vote yes on the purchase of the Coastside Inn for housing those desperately in need of shelter. We all know how great the needs is for a place for the unsheltered is on the Coastside, and we know how miserable it is for a human being to be unhoused. Please exercise your courage, compassion, and sense of civic responsibility and vote yea.

Best wishes, Cynthia

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Cynthia Kaufman

[REDACTED]

Hope is not the absence of despair- it is the ability to come back to our purpose again and again. My purpose is to build political power for my community so that we can be powerful in every aspect of our lives. My work is to transform grief and despair and rage into the love we need to push forward. I am not, and we are not, defined by what we lack- we are defined by how we come together when we fall apart. Alicia Garza

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support - Project Homekey on the Coast
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020 1:14:23 PM

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Subject recommendation: Support - Project Homekey on the Coast

Dear Supervisors,

My name is **Mary Brown** we have met previously at many Pacifica Chamber and other political events.

I'm writing in **support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the Coastsides.**

I want to see more shelter and homes on the Coastsides because I want to see our vulnerable Coastsiders housed. I love my community and want as many community members sheltered as possible because we are in a pandemic and it is critical for our public health.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It sent an amazing example of how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered populations. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastsides Inn in Half Moon Bay.** This is the right thing to do.

San Mateo County is one of the Wealthiest Counties in the Nation, we can not forget those who are the least of us, or leave them behind. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Mary T. Brown
Park Pacifica,
Pacifica, CA

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: I Support Project Homekey on the Coast
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020 3:42:29 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Erin Ralston and I'm writing to express my support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need to provide as many of these rooms as we can in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside.

We must build more homes on the coast. The Half Moon Bay City Council has pushed a no-growth agenda for the past three decades, and the result is a housing crisis of immense proportions. If you have any doubts about the scope of this problem, take a drive through Princeton Harbor out towards Half Moon Bay Airport. You can see for yourself the dozens of defunct RVs and vans where working couples, families, and children are living— out of sight and ignored by the surrounding affluent neighborhoods.

As a community, we are obligated to care for our most vulnerable members. As our elected representatives, you are responsible for addressing the needs of all county residents— not just those lucky enough to be housed. There are hundreds of coastsiders who are currently homeless or housing insecure, and these 52 rooms are urgently needed.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms are an important first step. It established an admirable precedent for how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered population. Homelessness has become endemic to the Bay Area, but thanks to your decision, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. Please follow the example you set and approve additional rooms at the Coastsides Inn in Half Moon Bay. This is the right thing to do.

Thank you,

Erin Ralston

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Support - Homekey on the Coast
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020 3:50:08 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing in **support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as can be arranged throughout San Mateo County, including on the coastside.**

I want to see more homes on the coastside because I want to see vulnerable community members housed within their community of origin/home with family and connections close by.

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Thank you.

Deborah McCarthy

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Please support - Project Homekey on the Coast
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020 4:19:29 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing in support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. Please approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the **Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay**. This is the right thing to do.

I've lived on the Coastside most of my life and see everyday the long-term consequences of too little affordable housing: sky-high rental costs, multiple families sharing crowded units, people living in RVs or in tents next to the creek. We as a society can, and should, do better than this.

Like the rest of San Mateo County, the Coastside needs to do its part to help alleviate homelessness and provide critical services to its most underserved. I'm pleased the Half Moon Bay City Council recognizes this unique opportunity and supports the project.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Let's continue the momentum with the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.

Sincerely,

Linda Mendiola

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Support for purchase of Coastside Inn
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020 4:27:25 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Joanne Rokosky, and I am a resident of El Granada. Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Homelessness is an enormous issue in San Mateo County. Thanks to your decisions, many people can now sleep safely.

I am in strong support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County. Here on the Coastside we have many homeless individuals. They may seem invisible because they seek shelter where they can find it without being disturbed. Housing people is the right and moral thing to do for these individuals. It is also a critical public health measure during this pandemic.

The Coastside Inn is an ideal location for transitional housing. The Abundant Grace Workforce Center, which provides much support to the homeless community, is only a short walk away. Additionally, the Coastside Inn is within walking distance to grocery stores and many services. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve the purchase of the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.**

Thank you.

Joanne Rokosky

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Cc: dhorseley@smcgov.org
Subject: Project Homekey - Half Moon Bay
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020 9:26:38 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Supervisors

I'm writing in support of Operation Homekey in San Mateo County

I applaud your efforts in securing 170 rooms in Redwood City, and now I'm asking you to finish a good plan by providing some rooms for the homeless on the coast.

When you consider all of the variables regarding the pros and cons of such a project, please consider our community value of caring for those in need. Witness the Half Moon Bay city council working with the non-profit Abundant Grace Coastside Worker in assisting with funding for a homeless care center. Witness farmworker and immigrant family food services as provided for ALAS, and finally witness the election of local Latino and farm worker advocate Joaquin Jimenez to the Half Moon Bay city council. These events, taken collectively, indicate a new surge in goodwill toward all.

Please use your federal monies to fully activate Operation Homekey on the San Mateo Coast.

Respectfully
John Moseley

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#); [Victor Borelli](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed County acquisition of Half Moon Bay motels for Homeless Transition.
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:42:28 AM

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From: Victor Borelli <[REDACTED]>

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Victor Borelli-Regional Director

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: BOS public comments TU 12/8 item #11 - Project Homekey
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 9:12:17 AM

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Thank you for all your prior support for Project Homekey. My name is Suzanne Moore. I am a retired nurse practitioner from this county and current housing advocate. I know that a pathway to housing is fundamental to health and wellness for the individual, families, and our community as a whole.

That is why I implore you to do more. My hometown of Pacifica has the 2nd highest population of unhoused in our county. To date, there is no brick and mortar shelter on the coast. Your investment in Project Homekey will change that, will provide much-needed housing for those in greatest need, and will save lives in this pandemic. I have no doubt that your leadership can lead our county more safely beyond COVID.

Pacifica chose to listen to a vocal minority who opposed safe parking. I am convinced that the majority of Pacificans and the majority of county residents believe our county is interdependent, believe we all must be safe or none of us can thrive, and believe that a helping "hands up" is a moral imperative.

Please, please do all you can to fully support Project Homekey. See us all safely home. Thank you.

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Suzanne Moore

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: December 8 meeting, Agenda Item 11
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 10:10:01 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

You plan to buy the Coastside Inn and convert it into a homeless shelter. There's a saying that applies here:

Anything that can go wrong will.

Yes, there are some homeless people in Half Moon Bay. But there aren't that many. **The state has offered trailers to house the homeless.** You could take a few of those trailers, put them on open land, and house our local homeless that way.

You only need this hotel if you plan to move folks from Pacifica or other cities to Half Moon Bay. But that just doesn't make sense.

We don't have adequate medical facilities here. There are few doctors, and the only emergency room has limited services. And good luck getting out of town in a hurry. The highways are clogged with traffic and when there's an accident they are impassable.

You say that drugs and alcohol won't be allowed in the shelter. But again, anything that can go wrong will. Rules will be broken.

Suppose a resident overdoses in your shelter, and dies because they can't get medical care in time. Or suppose a resident harms a child, either directly or by leaving used needles near the two nearby schools. The county will be sued. I guarantee it.

You should have an exit plan in case the shelter doesn't work out. But you don't.

Please reconsider. Rushed decisions are often very bad decisions, and you have not thought this through.

Kerry Macintosh
Half Moon Bay resident

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support - Project HomeKey on the Coast
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:32:26 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto writes in **support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside.**

We want to see more homes on the coastside because we desperately need to keep everyone housed during the pandemic and beyond. These steps protect the public health and look out for the most vulnerable residents of San Mateo County.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It sent an amazing example of how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered populations. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.** This is the right thing to do.

Thank you,

Jason Tarricone
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto

JASON TARRICONE, ESQ. | DIRECTING ATTORNEY, HOUSING PROGRAM

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To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
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Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:34:29 PM
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Hello,

Please include the attached in the Agenda for tomorrow's meeting. I hope to speak on this item. If I do, no need to read it.

Please confirm reception of this document and request.

Thank you!

John Ullom

Potential Issue Using CARES Act Funding to Purchase Homeless Hotel in Half Moon Bay

The City of Anchorage Alaska is planning to use the same funding as is San Mateo County, for the purchase of hotel properties and converting them to homeless shelters. In an abundance of caution, Anchorage City Officials asked an Inspector General to offer guidance as to whether the use of Covid-19 relief funds for that purpose was compliant with the provisions of the CARES Act.

The Inspector General was skeptical. A meeting was arranged between Anchorage officials and representatives from the Treasury Department. Attached is an email conversation between the two agencies. The email confirms the understanding of the advice offered by Treasury Department Officials. The text below is quoted from that email:

... The governments may keep the buildings after the end of the funding period. As part of demonstrating that the buildings are a necessary COVID-19 expenditure we should be providing services to homeless individuals inside the buildings by December 30, 2020...

Also attached is the FAQ provided by the County to the City of Half Moon Bay. From that FAQ:

When will these programs start?

Currently, the County is researching the acquisition processes and will be planning for the shelter program, if the hotel is purchased. The specific date of the program launch is not yet known but is projected to be in early 2021. The County will work closely with the City of Half Moon Bay throughout the planning and implementation process.

The CARES Act funding the county contemplates using is meant to cover Covid-19 related expenses. Per the guidance given the City of Anchorage Alaska by Treasury Department officials, the Hotel the County intends to buy has to be housing Homeless people by December 30th, 2020 to meet the criteria of the CARES Act.

If the Board of Supervisors votes to proceed with this plan, two questions need to answered. Will the county be able to close on the purchase, prepare the property, create a safe program and move people into the Hotel prior to December 30th, 2020? If not, has County Council sought the guidance from the Department of Treasury regarding the plan the plan?

Hall, Carolyn H.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Hall, Carolyn H.
Subject: Fwd: Thank you and follow-up

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Cc: "Vogel, Kathryn R." <kathryn.vogel@anchorageak.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you and follow-up

Apologies for the delay. I agree with the summary of our conversation as provided in (1) and (2).

Best,
Dan

From: Bockenstedt, Jason R. [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:29 AM
To: Kowalski, Daniel <[REDACTED]@treasury.gov>; Milligan, Stephen <[REDACTED]@treasury.gov>
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Subject: Thank you and follow-up

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Dan and Stephen -

Thank you for today's productive and positive conversation. We appreciated the opportunity to ask questions regarding use of Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) for property acquisitions and other items approved by our assembly. As we explained, COVID-19 physical distancing requirements resulted in an immediate and lasting loss of over 300 permanent shelter beds in Anchorage, and our assembly has determined that purchasing buildings to house and provide services to our homeless population is

necessary because we lack suitable alternatives. We have kept our Congressional delegation engaged on our plan to use CRF for the buildings and other plans and have committed to providing an update to them on this issue, but first wanted to ensure we have memorialized our conversation accurately.

You confirmed your office has the responsibility of making the policy determinations that Treasury's IG's office will be tasked with monitoring and implementing, and as such, your answers are greatly helpful to us as we move forward in disbursing CRF.

We particularly appreciated learning from you:

- 1) If necessary due to a lack of other suitable alternatives, governments may purchase buildings with CRF to provide housing and services to the homeless displaced by COVID-19 public health measures. As we discussed, many jurisdictions are doing this across the nation, including California, which is spending \$550 million of CRF to purchase buildings. The governments may keep the buildings after the end of the funding period. As part of demonstrating that the buildings are a necessary COVID-19 expenditure we should be providing services to homeless individuals inside the buildings by December 30, 2020. [Although this was not mentioned in the call, we assume if the spending deadline were changed by a subsequent act of Congress, we might have more time to accomplish the purchases and bring homeless individuals into the buildings.]
- 2) A simpler option for local governments like ours is to spend CRF on first responder payroll, as a presumptively eligible expense detailed in FAQ A.2. While you anticipate issuing additional FAQ language on this presumption (possibly in the next two weeks), you do not anticipate it will result in rolling back of the previously issued presumption. Spending on payroll for front-line and public-facing public safety and public health department employees is permitted; and such use of CRF may have the side effect of freeing up municipal general funds that would otherwise have paid those salaries. In other words, the legal presumption allows governments to use CRF on this payroll even if the government had previously budgeted to pay those same individuals with municipal funds. Any municipal general funds freed up by being replaced with federal dollars may then be spent under ordinary rules for spending local money without the risk the IG's office will subsequently determine that the money missed a deadline or was spent incorrectly.

We also understand you have not issued any "private rulings" to jurisdictions and you may address the issue of the purchase of buildings by issuing an updated FAQ providing guidance on when CRF may be used to purchase buildings.

Is this an accurate summary of the conversation? We want to make sure our notes from the conversation are accurate, so our summary is relayed correctly to the delegation, especially on the above two points.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter. It was nice to connect with you and we appreciate everything you are doing.

Thanks,
Jason (and Kate)



Jason Bockenstedt

Chief of Staff

Municipality of Anchorage





County of San Mateo Interest in Creating a New Homeless Shelter Program in Half Moon Bay

November 2020

What is being proposed?

The County of San Mateo is considering purchasing a hotel in the City of Half Moon Bay, the Coastside Inn, in order to create a new shelter program to assist people experiencing homelessness. There are 52 rooms at the hotel.

Why?

There currently are no homeless shelters on the coastside, however there are significant needs. The 2019 One Day Homeless Count found that there were 230 unsheltered homeless individuals living on the coastside (Half Moon Bay, Pacifica, and unincorporated coastside areas). The new planned homeless shelter program will provide safe temporary living accommodations and intensive on-site support services to assist program participants with looking for permanent housing.

Who will be served?

The proposed program will serve San Mateo County community members who are experiencing homelessness, with a preference first for those who are from Half Moon Bay and the coastside area.

The program is planned to serve adults experiencing homelessness, as the largest need is for services for adults, since there are extensive existing services for families in the County. However, based on feedback from the community, the County is now exploring the feasibility of this program also being able to serve families.

Why now?

After many years of efforts from various stakeholders to create a homeless shelter program on the coast, there is now a unique opportunity where the County has time-limited federal funding available and there is a building for sale that is appropriate. Given the time-limited nature of the funding being utilized for this purchase, the acquisition must be completed by the end of December 2020, so the acquisition process is moving at an expedited pace.

Will services be provided on site?

Yes. The proposed program will provide intensive on-site services. The program will conduct a thorough assessment with each program participant, and based on that assessment, the program will create a plan to assist each participant with identifying and returning to housing, including case management, support in searching for housing, employment support, applying for financial resources, and connections to health services (including mental health and substance abuse services). The program will provide intensive on-site services to all participants and will also partner with existing community services such as Abundant Grace, Coastside Hope, ALAS, El Centro de Libertad and Coastside Clinic. Program participants will have to abide by program rules to continue their enrollment in the program.

Will the programs be staffed 24/7?

Yes, the homeless shelter program will be staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The on-site staff will monitor the site and activities at all times, ensuring the safety and security of the premises for occupants.

How long will participants stay at the shelter?

Homeless shelter programs are intended to be short term, with actual shelter stays averaging 120 days to six months. However, due to the current pandemic, stays have been longer. The intention of a shelter program is to provide temporary housing while assisting individuals in finding permanent housing. Case management services will be focused on long term housing interventions.

Is this program specifically for people who have COVID-19?

No, this program is not for those with COVID-19 and needing isolation. This program will be for people experiencing homelessness who are vulnerable (elderly and/or with existing medical conditions such as cancer, heart disease, etc.).

Will these programs eliminate homelessness in the area?

This program will be a significant step toward serving people experiencing homelessness and decreasing unsheltered homelessness, however it's likely that some unsheltered individuals may choose to continue living in their current locations. The County's homeless outreach programs will continue to provide services to unsheltered individuals, with the goal of building trust and over time, encouraging individuals to access services, shelter and housing.

When will these programs start?

Currently, the County is researching the acquisition processes and will be planning for the shelter program, if the hotel is purchased. The specific date of the program launch is not yet known but is projected to be in early 2021. The County will work closely with the City of Half Moon Bay throughout the planning and implementation process.

How are the hotel purchases being funded?

If the County proceeds to purchase the hotel, federal CARES Act funding will be utilized. The City is not being requested to help fund the purchase of the hotel. Shelter program operations will be funded by a combination of state and federal sources and additional funding sources (such as philanthropy) will be explored by the County and the non-profit agency providing the services.

How can the community be involved?

The County looks forward to working with the community on the developmental and implementation of this program. The County will be inviting City staff to participate in the process to select an experienced non-profit homeless service provider to provide the services on site.

If the homeless shelter program is implemented, the County will work closely with the selected non-profit service provider on all aspects of the programs, and the County will work with the City and community stakeholders to establish ongoing collaboration about the programs, including a Community Advisory Committee. Once the program is implemented, there may be additional opportunities for community involvement, such as volunteer opportunities.

What are the expectations of the program participants?

Those enrolled in the program will need to comply with program rules and requirements. A sample Program Rules document is provided for your reference.

These Frequently Asked Questions will be updated as new information becomes available.

Welcome and Program Rules

Welcome! Here are some things to know during your stay here. This program's goal is to provide a safe, welcoming, supportive place for people to stay while they work on finding permanent housing. You will be provided with services from your case manager to help you create a housing plan and also connect to other resources. Please read through the rules/protocols below to ensure all participants are safe during their stay here.

Rules/Protocols:

Meals: You will receive breakfast, lunch and dinner each day and have access to small snacks in between meals.

Rooms: Please maintain the cleanliness of your room. Please note that significant room damage will lead to being exited from the program.

Visitors: Visitors to your room are not allowed without prior approval. Having guests on site or in your room without prior approval will lead to being exited from the program.

Quiet Hours: Please keep the noise level down between the hours of 10 pm-6 am. There is also an expectation that program participants are in their rooms between the hours of 10 pm-6 am unless they have communicated with their case manager ahead of time for exceptions about their job or special circumstances.

Respecting Neighbors/Adjacent Properties/Businesses: All program participants are required to be respectful of the neighbors including adjacent properties and businesses, including no loitering. Disrespecting the neighbors' property or businesses will lead to being exited from the program.

COVID-19 Safety Protocols:

- **Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth at all times you are outside of your room.** If you need replacement masks, please contact any staff.
- **Follow social distancing guidelines** by having at least 6 feet of space between you and another person.
- **Complete the daily temperature check:** Staff will conduct a temperature check daily with each program participant. If staff can't find you for the daily temperature check, a wellness check will be done.

No Smoking:

- Smoking (including marijuana) is not allowed inside any part of the building, including in rooms.
- The cigarette smoking area is located outside at _(description of location)_____.
- Tampering with or disabling your room's smoke detectors will lead to being exited from the program.

Alcohol and Drugs:

- Drugs and alcohol are not permitted on site. Items related to drug or alcohol use on site, including needles, found in your room may lead to you being exited from the program due to the safety of participants and staff.
- If you would like to talk to someone about alcohol or drug use or strategies to decrease use, your case manager would be happy to discuss with you and help you connect you to various supportive service options.

Questions or concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with your case manager or the program director, and if you have any urgent concerns or questions, please contact the staff who is on site at that time, as there are always staff on-site to assist and respond to any issues.

From: [Mark Eibert](#)

To:

Subject: Comment for December 8 Supervisors" Meeting, Agenda Item 11: Housing for Homeless

Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 1:44:44 PM

Attachments: [Letter to Supervisors--FINAL.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisors Slocum, Pine, Groom, Canepa and Horsely, and staff:

Attached is a written comment for consideration at the December 8, 2020 regular Board of Supervisors Meeting. It relates to Agenda Item 11 and I can read it in two minutes.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Eibert
Attorney at Law

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MARK D. EIBERT

Attorney at Law

514 Silver Avenue
Half Moon Bay, California 94019-1564

I oppose turning the Coastside Inn into transitional housing for the homeless for four reasons.

First, in just the short time you gave us, 2,123 people signed a petition asking you not to do this. You pushed it on us against the will of the majority of your Coastside constituents.

Second, you did it in a way that violates democratic norms, and sidesteps the safeguards designed to ensure that the project is necessary, well planned, and a good use of our tax dollars—studies of impacts and alternatives, meaningful public input, and so on. You have disrupted our community and created division, distrust, anger and resentment—against both the County and City, neither of is acting in our interests. Councilmember Penrose was right when she said that because she supported your project she won't survive the next election. In two years you will deal with a City Council that is hostile to both the County and the homeless shelter.

Third, you haven't thought this through. You say you will appoint a citizen's advisory board—*after* you spend \$8 million. You say you will negotiate with the City to ameliorate the negative impacts on *their* tax revenues, *after* you commit that money--but you won't ameliorate the much greater negative impacts on the property values and business sales that generate that revenue. You say you will find someone to create and run the program--*after* the deal is done. This project isn't half baked—you haven't even preheated the oven.

Finally, you will be sending people to live where they are not welcome. That is not kind to them.

Please end this today by voting no. If you do, we will work with you to find other, better, and more *democratic* ways to help the Coastside's homeless.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Eibert

From: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Tom Edminster](#)
Subject: Subject recommendation: Support - Project Homekey on the Coast
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 2:27:30 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is **Tom Edminster. I have lived in Pacifica most of my 65 years.**

I'm writing in support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside.

I support affordable access to housing on the coastside because housing and access to housing should not be subject to pushout.

I support positive action on this agenda item as people are often pushed out of their housing for many reasons, from capricious family members, to rapacious landlords, to acute family stress, often engendered by the fear and loathing that inhabits these times of economic uncertainty. Often those pushed out need stable and supportive housing, just in order to stabilize their own lives and seek adequate resources and engage in effective assessment of existing resources available to them.

Also, many are subject these days to jobs with no due process, household stress caused by a lousy labor market, especially for the under educated and those employed in non unionized retail and human service and personal service work, and domestic violence, which often means.. shelter is necessary for personal safety ... as well as for basic survival, especially in these times of pandemic.

I hope you AT LEAST support the purchase of the housing for the unhoused below Devil's Slide. This agenda item is a minimal social justice and liberal do gooder effort that uses accessible but limited resources to aid those victimized by push out.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It will send an amazing example of how we can offer shelter, desperately needed, to the unhoused population just on the coastside.

I realize shelter is a nationwide problem, as well as a California problem.

"Home creation" is partial and inadequate framing of the issue. Housing inflationary pressures make both speculation and INFILL appear to be desperate needs. Housing those pushed out is ONE necessary humane approach.

Most infill housing additions will NOT add even their own proportionate costs to existing local revenues in cities of San Mateo County. Shelter housing is a social necessity.

Any further infill housing needs to be subsidized, sliding scale, and assist in minimizing automotive traffic.

Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decision

this evening on Item 11..., 170 or so people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.**

This is the right thing to do, and it is within your reach. Please consider and vote appropriately this evening.

Thank you for your attention to item 11 on this evenings agenda, and for further progressive approaches to housing access and infill policy measures.

sincerely,

Tom Edminster

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Tom Edminster

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Subject: agenda 11 purchase of coast side inn half moon bay
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:26:07 PM

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coast side has total lack of affordable housing for working singles and couples. convert hotel to studio and 1 bed apts. fills a greater local need.brings revenue, reduces commute traffic and fosters community for all classes. SM Coastside realistically NOT set up for homeless, very poor health and public service access even worse transportation. with PG@E problems, lockdowns, Covid and joblessness aren't there anyother appropriate buildings in all of the ALL ACESS side of the County? E BADINER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THANKS

Comments on Agenda Item 11 – Proposed Acquisition of Coastside Inn

The proposed transitional housing project in Half Moon Bay has triggered huge community opposition due to the rushed nature of this transaction and the lingering unanswered questions. Unlike other County municipalities, our Coastside community is relatively isolated with limited access via two often congested roads and has limited health facilities, public safety infrastructure, addiction treatment and employment resources. Even more concerning is that this shelter is to be situated close to two schools and several residential neighborhoods.

These unique circumstances mean that this project – if not managed with meaningful community input - has the potential to have a huge negative impact on our community. This makes it critical that a Community Advisory Council be established to have input on every phase of this project ranging from resident screening, operator selection, program design and facility management. This council could be a vital channel of communication between the community and City and County governments about emerging negative community impacts and needs and could play a valuable role in educating the public about ongoing facility operations.

There is a lot at stake for HMB's future. If this facility winds up adding to the homeless population, increasing crime or undermining the town's appeal to visitors it could create more problems than it solves and severely hamper the recovery of our Coastside community from the pandemic.

I am requesting that the County to be transparent and responsive to the Community's concerns and needs arising from this project – as expressed by the City of HMB and any Community Advisory Council. This is the only way to ensure that the unique and special character of this community is preserved and we can continue to be a treasured recreational resource for the Bay area.

Anne Martin

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Housing Item # 11 Support purchase of Coastside Inn
Date: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:11:06 PM

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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is **Deni Asnis** and I'm writing in **support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside. I urge you to support the purchase of the Coastside Inn as transitional housing for the houseless population**

I want to see more homes available on the coastside because our vulnerable coastsideers need to be housed and, due to the pandemic, it's critical for our public health.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It sent an amazing example of how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered populations. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.** This is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,
Deni Asnis, Pacifica
Pacifica Social Justice

From Kelly Archer, City of HMB resident.

Comment pertaining to Item 11A. The Counties purchase of Coastside Inn

Coastside churches, non-profits and the County can partner to tackle this problem. Before long we could have 20 beds for our homeless population for a fraction of \$8 million dollars.

Singlewide manufacture units cost a little as \$30,000 each, in time, several of these could be purchased for temporary housing.

We should want the Coastside Inn to become a successful hotel again. Tourism brings prosperity to the Coastside. **Should the County's most popular tourist destination have a 56 room hotel or the County's Homeless Center** in our downtown area. It is obvious.

The hotel is to be used as an emergency shelter with "future uses undetermined." Spending 8 million dollars without knowing the future use is reckless.

Mr. Horsley said this purchase will "reduce homelessness." The City's Homeless count was 56, with his logic we'll be down to half of that--perhaps 25. So why a 56 room hotel?

Homeless from Peninsula and Pacifica be directed fill the void.

The Coastside Inn and HMB are not centrally located. The peninsula has 1000's of more service in all areas. It has jobs.

We get it. Land is cheaper on the coast. Six story apartments and "corporate castles" being built from from South City to Palo Alto bring huge profits, high rents and increased property taxes. We get that too.

I see the county buying a failing hotel from a developer who is getting a great deal.

Here's an idea. Supervisors, think big and build a \$100 million dollar complex in an appropriate place near services (perhaps in vastly under used Port of Redwood City). The Masters of the Universe and their companies can afford \$50 million seed money. Use federal money and then fundraise 25 million. San Mateo is one of richest counties in America.

Build a center that could help thousands of homeless in San Mateo County. One that reaches out to appropriate satellite programs in Half Moon Bay.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CMO BoardFeedback](#)
Subject: Project Homekey on the Coast
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Dear San Mateo County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Ellen Hage and I'm writing in **support of the County's participation in Project HomeKey. We need as many Project Homekey rooms as we can possibly obtain in San Mateo County, especially on the coastside.**

I want to see more homes on the coastside because currently there is no shelter of any kind to house our vulnerable coastsiders. There is a great need and urgency as winter approaches, Covid is increasing and, people have lost employment and are in danger of losing their homes as well. Members of our community have lost employment, and are in danger of losing their homes as well.

Thank you for your leadership in purchasing the two properties in Redwood City. Those 170 rooms will go a long way. It sent an amazing example of how we can create homes, rapidly, for our unsheltered populations. Homelessness is one of the defining problems of our time, and now thanks to your decisions, 170 people will be sleeping inside permanently. **Please continue the example you set prior and approve more rooms for our unsheltered population at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay. This is the right thing to do.**

Please take a few minutes to view the video I have included below that tells the stories of 3 Pacificans who had been living in their RV's and now have a place to with supportive services.

<https://vimeo.com/463119324/ce38d78950>

Wishing you happy and healthy holidays.

Ellen Hage

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank you.