

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN AND TRANSMIT TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATORS A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF MONTEREY COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO SECURE AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A VETERAN'S HOME AT FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA TO SERVE ELDERLY AND DISABLED CALIFORNIA VETERANS

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

WHEREAS, State Veterans Homes (SVHs) are facilities that provide nursing home, domiciliary or adult day care for eligible veterans of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, SVHS are owned, operated, and managed by state governments and the federal government has no role in their management; and

WHEREAS, the federal government provides financial assistance to the States for the building and operation of SVHs and

WHEREAS, there are currently eight SVHs in California, including facilities in Barstow, Chula Vista, Fresno, Lancaster, Redding, Ventura, West Los Angeles, and Yountville; and

WHEREAS, there is relatively little SVH capacity in the Bay Area and the wait time for residency and services at existing SVHs in the State is extremely long; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is seeking authorizing legislation for the construction of a new SVH at Fort Ord, in Monterey County and such a facility in

Monterey County would open up additional options for the as many as 108,000 veterans in a region that includes Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, San Benito, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Ord and Monterey area offers many veteran-accessible amenities, including a Veterans Administration/Department Defense outpatient clinic, a commissary, post exchanges, and may parks and recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, many veterans who are unable to access services such as those offered by SVHs may find other options that result in them leaving the region or the State, with all of negative impacts that flow from such displacement; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, this Board deems it appropriate to communicate its support for Monterey County's effort to secure authorizing legislation to construct and operate a new SVH at Fort Ord, in Monterey County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to sign and transmit to appropriate Federal and California legislators a letter in support of Monterey County's efforts to secure authorizing legislation for the construction and operation of a State Veterans Home at Fort Ord, California to serve elderly and disabled California veterans.

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