RESOLUTION NO..

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2021 TO FEBRUARY 23, 2026, REGARDING A NEW HOMELESS SHELTER PROGRAM AT THE COASTSIDE INN IN HALF MOON BAY

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

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 One Day Homeless Count, there were 230

unsheltered individuals living on the San Mateo County Coastside; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no homeless shelters on the Coastside, an area

which includes the incorporated cities of Half Moon Bay and Pacifica, as well as the

unincorporated areas of the County's coast south of Pacifica and north of Half Moon

Bay and south of Half Moon Bay to the County line; and

WHEREAS, persons experiencing homelessness are at greater risk of infection and death due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, after many years of efforts from various stakeholders to create a homeless shelter program on the Coastside, a unique opportunity presented itself late last year, and the County was able to use available time-limited federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act funding to purchase a facility on the Coastside where such programming can be implemented for unsheltered homeless individuals, who are susceptible to contracting COVID-19; and WHEREAS, on December 29, 2020, the County used this CARES Act funding to acquire the Coastside Inn, in Half Moon Bay ("Site"), to create a new homeless shelter program to assist people experiencing homelessness, with the long term goal of converting the site into affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, for the new ongoing shelter program, which is anticipated to launch in spring 2021 ("Coastside Shelter Program" or "Program"), the County will be conducting a planning process in collaboration with the City of Half Moon Bay ("City") and a range of local stakeholders to plan details of the new Program; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City acknowledge that the success of the Program is dependent, in part, on a strong partnership among stakeholders, including the County, the City, the non-profit service providers, the local businesses and the community; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, staff seeks this Board's approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the City to set forth the parties' expectations related to the planning and coordination of the Program; and

WHEREAS, the MOU sets forth the parties' understanding of the Coastside Shelter Program Operation and Rules, including the process for selecting the Program service provider, the clients to be served by the Program and the requirements for the Program participants and for screening of Program applicants; and

WHEREAS, the MOU also addresses the creation and operation of a Coastside Shelter Community Advisory Committee intended to improve and promote communications between residents, businesses and community agencies to increase community awareness, and facilitate support for operations of the Program in responding to homelessness on the Coastside; and

WHEREAS, the MOU also describes the process for filling Program vacancies, anticipated aesthetic improvements to the Site and naming of the building on the Site, the process for assessing the efficacy of the Program and the potential future use of the Site; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2021, the City presented the MOU before its City Council, and was granted authorization to execute the MOU with the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of San Mateo and the City of Half Moon Bay for a five-year term, from February 23, 2021 to February 23, 2026, regarding a new homeless shelter program at the Coastside Inn in Half Moon Bay.

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