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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

On May 15, 2012 your Board will consider support for the merge of *Bringing Our Community Home: the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness*, the Homeless Advisory Committees in Lompoc, Santa Maria and on the South Coast, and Common Ground Santa Barbara. Good Samaritan Shelter would like to urge you to support this merger to improve cross-sector coordination and direct your staff to plan accordingly for the coming fiscal year. As indicated in the 2010-11 Grand Jury Report on Homeless Mentally Ill Indigent recidivism, there is a need for centralized coordination among public and non-profit resources to combat the poverty, mental and physically illness, and addiction issues at the root of chronic homelessness.

Good Samaritan Shelter's mission is to provide emergency, transitional & support services to the homeless and those in recovery throughout the Central Coast. Good Samaritan is the largest homeless shelter provider in Northern Santa Barbara County, and we also coordinate the warming shelters in both Santa Maria and Lompoc during the inclement weather months. As part of the proposed re-organization, Good Samaritan Shelter will be involved in this collaborative effort by participating on the Coordinating Committee and sitting on the Executive Committee. Our efforts will be represented on the Coordination Committee by representatives selected by us, and we will work collaboratively to focus on improving all parts of the continuum through this process. We believe that the new structure establishes a clear avenue for members of the public and concerned advocates to provide direct input to policymakers at the Leadership Council meetings during public comment.

I urge you to take the necessary steps to make changes to existing ordinances or create new ones to codify this new structure; and to find matching funds in the coming fiscal cycle for the County's share to establish the centralized infrastructure and dedicated staffing for this effort.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Barnard
Executive Director

Mission Statement: "To Provide Emergency, Transitional and Support Services To the Homeless and Those in Recovery throughout the Central Coast."