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RE: Final Budget Deliberations

Dear Chair Farr and Supervisors,

Consistent with your careful deliberations on the County budget and the best means of leveraging all appropriate resources and engaging multi-sector stakeholders, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara supports joint planning and coordination by federal, state, county and city government entities with the private sector, including non-profit and private organizations.

With regard to addressing homelessness, we also support a government sponsored community-wide task force. The magnitude and diversity of the needs of the homeless require active participation at every level of government with the private sector in Santa Barbara.

We support appropriate solutions with adequate funding, to respond to both short term and long term needs of homeless people. These include the provision of better access to existing social services, emphasis on affordable housing, including subsidized rentals, and establishment of criteria for shelter services to include counseling and referral of those with special needs.

We hope that you will consider our positions in your final budget deliberations. Thank you very much.

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