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Chair Hartmann and Members of the Board,

You have another item on today's agenda having to do with doling out millions to create housing for the homeless.

We could not help but notice a paragraph in Attachment A page 4, which requires applicants to **demonstrate** they have been through a planning process in order to qualify for the funds.

We do realize the State of CA may have exempted these projects from CEQA, however, we don't believe the board has been doing their due diligence in regards to these projects.

At a minimum, these projects should go through a planning commission hearing in the jurisdiction in which they reside, with full public noticing and then go to the board or city council of the same jurisdiction.

We are not against housing the homeless who are ready and willing to reintegrate into society with a little help from the community. But for that to happen, you need to prove that what your doing is going to work in order to get community buy in.

Hiding these projects on the Admin Calendar without so much as publishing much of any details about their location (Motel 6 in Santa Maria comes to mind) is now how you do the public's business.

Thank you.

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A-5) BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

22-00198

Consider recommendations regarding approval for the Department of Behavioral Wellness to apply for California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 3: Launch Ready grant funding and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program funding, as follows:

a) Authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness to apply for California DHCS BHCIP Round 3: Launch Ready grant funding in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 for the acquisition and renovation of a County of Santa Barbara site-controlled property in Santa Barbara;

Attachment A Page 4:

Round 3: Launch Ready (\$518.5M), will provide funding to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets to expand the behavioral health continuum of treatment and service resources in settings that serve Medicaid (Medi-Cal) beneficiaries. Proposed behavioral health infrastructure projects **must demonstrate they have been through a planning process** and are ready for implementation.