Supervisors Lavagnino & Hartman:

We are aware that you will be discussing a number of options related to Human Services Commission grant funding at the meeting tomorrow in Santa Maria. The options the Board will be considering are plentiful, but only one represents the best choice for current grantees waiting for the release of the new County NOFA. **Please vote in favor of Option 4 (extending existing grantees; delay NOFA)**: Extend existing grantees for one year and revisit a new NOFA next year. This would benefit existing human services grantees and give the County greater flexibility to assess its situation next year.

As a direct provider of safety net services and a current human services grantee, I am sure you know how important continued funding is for the children and teens we serve. We are hopeful the Board will support full continued funding for existing human services grantees and we look forward to working with the Human Services Commission to create a new NOFA in 2019. Ensuring continued services are available to the children and teens most in need throughout Guadalupe and Santa Maria is of the utmost importance. Please contact me directly should you need additional information.

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