



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: January 27, 2026
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Jesús Armas, Director, Community Services Department
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Donation From DignityMoves

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Accept the donation of \$200,000 from DignityMoves, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (DignityMoves), to be used to pay for the provision of services to residents of La Posada interim housing, located at 4500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara; and
- b) Determine that the above recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), as the action involves the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary:

This item is before the Board to accept a donation from DignityMoves in the amount of \$200,000 to help offset the County's costs of providing supportive services to residents of La Posada interim housing, located at 4500 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara (La Posada).

Discussion

The County and DignityMoves partnered to establish the La Posada interim shelter. (In addition to La Posada, DignityMoves and the County partnered to establish interim shelters in Santa Maria—Hope Village—and Santa Barbara.) Pursuant to agreements between DignityMoves and the County, DignityMoves has been responsible for securing funding for site work and purchase of the individual housing units. The County, relying on federal and state funds, has funded supportive services provided to the residents. The La Posada lease agreement between DignityMoves and the County is in effect through June 30, 2028. Services to residents are provided under a subrecipient agreement between the County and Good Samaritan Shelter.

The initial programmatic budget for La Posada forecasted receipt of \$800,000 in philanthropic donations in the fourth and fifth year of operations. In this regard, DignityMoves has pledged to provide a philanthropic contribution of \$600,000 over a multi-year period. Recently, DignityMoves remitted an initial donation of \$200,000. DignityMoves has committed to donating an additional \$400,000 in the form of four annual payments of \$100,000 by July 1 of each of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, for an aggregate donation of \$600,000 by July 1, 2029. (DignityMoves has indicated it will endeavor to contribute additional funds to reach the forecasted philanthropic donation aggregate of \$800,000 but is not able to pledge the additional \$200,000 at this time.)

Background:

On May 16, 2023, the Board approved execution of a Ground Lease Agreement in connection with La Posada.

La Posada provides 80 dignified modular housing unit cabins for people experiencing homelessness moving from encampments, and persons eligible under Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, many of whom have been homeless for extended periods of time and have a permanent disability. In addition to the 80 housing unit cabins, an additional 10 cabins are used for clinical and staff office space.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A – Donation Confirmation Letter from DignityMoves

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