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Deanna:

In December of 2014, the Board of Supervisors adopted a series of policies for addressing the affordable housing crisis and homelessness throughout Santa Clara County. The Board placed a priority on the development of housing for extremely low-income and special needs populations.

Since that time, County staff have been seeking partnerships with cities and affordable housing developers to implement the Board's priorities. For example, the County agreed to lease County-owned land to Charities Housing Development Corporation and committed \$12 million to develop 160 units of supportive housing at 2500 Senter Road in San Jose. In addition, the County has been working with staff from cities to facilitate the development of more affordable and supportive housing. These efforts include two projects proposed by First Community Housing in downtown San Jose - North San Pedro Apartments containing 135 mixed income units and South Second Street Studios containing 134 permanent supportive housing units.

I have been made aware that property within the City of Sunnyvale known as "Block 15" has no specific development plan at the current time. I also understand that a study session is scheduled in December with the City Council to discuss potential development options for the Block 15 site. The County believes this site could represent a great opportunity to partner and create a supportive and affordable housing development project that is consistent with Sunnyvale's Downtown Specific Plan. I would like to indicate that the County is very interested in exploring how we can work together to make this happen and would be happy to participate in whatever process the City of Sunnyvale deems appropriate.

Feel free to contact me at (408)299-5180 or Ky Le at (408)793-0551 to discuss next steps or what information you need from us to move forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Graves
Chief Operating Officer