

April 17, 2023

Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
70 W. Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110
VIA Email: BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org

RE: Approve referral to Administration to report to the Board by May 16, 2023 with options for consideration relating to developing a separate trailer facility on 999 Hamlin Court, Sunnyvale (Meeting Date 4/18/23, ID# 115443) - SUPPORT

Larry Klein
Mayor

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Omar Din
Vice Mayor

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we encourage the Board to support Supervisor Otto Lee's referral and work to install a separate trailer facility that can be used as a flexible multipurpose space for the children that reside at the Hamlin Court shelter.

Russ Melton
Councilmember

Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember

Since the shelter's conversion from a winter shelter to a year-round shelter to meet the rising demand of housing, the number of children that now reside there has been rising. The shelter has over 30 children that are currently staying in that congregate setting.

Richard Mehlinger
Councilmember

Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember

This can be a traumatizing experience for young people and the City is concerned for their well-being.

Linda Sell
Councilmember

We need to do everything that we can to create a child-friendly environment and bring some semblance of normalcy. A separate trailer on the property provides a private space for children to play and do homework. This would provide the children and their families with an opportunity to separate from the mostly adult population.

Current City of Sunnyvale policy places a high priority on supporting the unhoused community and participating in the County Collaborative on Affordable Housing and Homeless Issues to provide a continuum of care of services and facilities for the homeless. The City continues to support local service providers that offer facilities and support services to homeless individuals and families, and persons at risk of homelessness. (Policy HE-5.6). The City also continues to be a regional leader in implementing various policies and programs to provide housing in a variety of types and affordability levels for decades and continues to refine and implement its programs and policies. (Affordable Housing and Homelessness Priority Advocacy Issue).

For these reasons, we encourage the Board to refer this item to Administration to report to the Board by May 16, 2023 with options for consideration relating to developing a separate trailer facility on 999 Hamlin Court in the City of Sunnyvale. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager at tsilva@sunnyvale.ca.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Larry Klein
Mayor

cc: City Council
Kent Steffens, City Manager
Teri Silva, Assistant City Manager