



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHELTER AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FACILITIES IN SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the preliminary and incomplete results of the 2019 Point in Time count indicate there are at least 400 homeless people living in south Orange County;

WHEREAS, the Alternative Sleep Location in Laguna Beach is the only low-barrier shelter in south Orange County and has a limited capacity of 45 beds;

WHEREAS, a 2017 UCI study found that (1) the majority of the homeless population in Orange County are long-term residents of the county, (2) difficulty securing jobs with sustainable wages and difficulty finding affordable housing were the predominant factors precipitating homelessness, (3) the per capita cost of permanent supportive housing is 50% lower than for providing services to the chronically street homeless, and (4) if all of Orange County's chronically homeless were housed in permanent supportive housing there would be an estimated cost savings of \$42 million;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2019, the Voice of OC reported that Judge David O. Carter suggested the parking lot of the Chet Holifield Federal Building in Laguna Niguel as the possible location of a mental illness treatment shelter for homeless people; and

WHEREAS, the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club meets on El Lazo in Laguna Niguel, across the street from the Chet Holifield Federal Building;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club supports the construction of both emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing facilities in south Orange County, and approves of the construction of such facilities in Laguna Niguel and Aliso Viejo, including at the Chet Holifield Federal Building, in locations that meet the needs of the homeless population including proximity to transit and to medical and social services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club calls upon all of our elected officials to advance the planning and construction of such facilities, and to allocate the funds for construction of such facilities, with all reasonable speed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board shall deliver a copy of this resolution to Congressman Harley Rouda, Senator Pat Bates, Assembly Member Bill Brough, Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, the Aliso Viejo City Council, the Laguna Niguel City Council, and such other local elected officials and media outlets as the Board deems appropriate.

Adopted by the Aliso Niguel Democratic Club at its April 15, 2019 General Meeting