September 17, 2013

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Supervisors Adams and Rice request approval of the Resolution commending Marin County providers for exceptional efforts to prevent and end homelessness and Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Administration, requests Board endorsement of 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. Approve Resolution commending Marin County providers for exceptional efforts to prevent and end homelessness.
2. Endorse Home For All, Marin’s updated, communitywide 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

SUMMARY: In 2006, Marin County developed its first long-term, strategic plan to address homelessness. Beginning in summer 2012, a wide range of community stakeholders engaged in an intensive strategic planning process, known as a “Charrette”, to update and improve the plan. Approximately one year later, in June 2013, Marin County’s Homeless Policy Steering Committee adopted Home For All, Marin’s new and improved 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Home For All is focused on three key outcomes, which, if achieved, will lead to significant reductions in homelessness in our community. They are:

1. Drastically reducing chronic homelessness in 5 years
2. Reducing the total number of homeless individuals and families over 10 years
3. Reducing the amount of time individuals and families spend in programs before becoming self-sufficient in stable housing.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS: Thanks to the time and energy that so many people and agencies have committed to the Charrette process, a new spirit of collaboration and a renewed sense of purpose have emerged. The Board’s endorsement of Home For All can help to sustain these increased levels of community engagement to improve our community’s response to homelessness.

More importantly, successful implementation of the plan can lead to more effective uses of public resources and will greatly improve the lives of persons experiencing homelessness in Marin.
FISCAL IMPACT: Home For All is primarily focused on coordinating the existing efforts of County agencies and community-based organizations throughout Marin. There is no increase in net county cost associated with this request.

Reviewed By:  
- County Administrator: [ ] N/A [ ]
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Respectfully submitted,

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