October 23, 2018

re: Board of Supervisors Workshop on Homelessness

Dear Colleagues:

Today’s workshop will inform the Board and community on progress on homelessness in Marin County. The workshop goal is to explore the current landscape of Marin’s homeless, services being provided, and why we are focusing our efforts on Housing First. The Housing First approach to homelessness prioritizes the most vulnerable, getting them into housing with supportive services and doing what is necessary to make that placement successful. The County is collaborating with other municipalities and agencies to ensure that Marin’s homeless system of care uses a Housing First approach.

Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, will introduce the issue and turn to staff homelessness analysts to touch on highlights of the County’s efforts. Representatives from Homeward Bound of Marin, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin, the City of San Rafael, and the Ritter Center are scheduled to participate as well.

We will be hearing about solution-oriented approaches to the most complicated and concerning issues facing communities in Marin.

Sincerely,

Damon Connolly