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Yolo County Homeless Coalition Position Letter



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RE: Davis Communications Site

Dear Ms. Alford,

The Yolo County Homeless Coalition met on August 23rd and had a discussion regarding the proposals the county has received from Omni-One and Cross Mission regarding the potential development of the McClellan Air Force Annex in South Yolo County for homeless services.

As you know, the Yolo County Public Works Department has made several presentations to the Homeless Coalition regarding the potential for development of services to homeless individuals at this surplus federal property. Due to the locale, lack of potable water, groundwater contamination, and the high cost of demolition/rehabilitation of the existing buildings on the site, no agency in the coalition has stepped forward to offer a plan of redevelopment for this site.

The Yolo County Homeless Coalition has been conducting and coordinating the local Continuum of Care process for many years. Through the Continuum of Care process, we strengthen existing programs that serve the needs of homeless individuals, find funding for those programs, and determine gaps in our services and prioritize those gaps to target the neediest in our community. We conduct a bi-annual census in Yolo County, hold monthly coalition meetings and a yearly homeless summit. We work closely with various departments in the County, the Board of Supervisors, local jurisdictions, city staff and councils. We collaborate and coordinate our services throughout the county to avoid duplication and to maximize the usage of limited funding from local, state and federal funding sources.

We oppose the proposals from both organizations based upon the following:

1. The site is not appropriate for homeless services. It's location makes it impractical as it is not near any readily available transportation, markets, or other needed services to support any housing at this site.
2. The high costs of rehabilitation and development of the site. Local financial resources for services to homeless and low-income individuals from the city, county and state are already stretched thin. The cost to



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make just infrastructure improvements such as sewer lines, getting potable water to the site, and dealing with the groundwater contamination are prohibitive.

3. The 2 organizations submitting proposals have not been a part of our local continuum of care process. We believe that any organization that would wish to develop this type of property should be familiar with the number and needs of the homeless individuals and families in Yolo County, be familiar with services already provided in this county, and work with the local service providers to coordinate services, avoid duplication and maximize the use of local funding.

Should you have any further questions, please contact me at (530) 756-4008 or by email at billpride-dcm@sbcglobal.net. Thank You for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


William D. Pride
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