



Santa Clara County Democratic Party  
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Board President Ellenberg and Members of the  
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

*Via Email*

**Re: Support of Interim Supportive Housing at Benton & Lawrence (Item 71, June 6, 2023 Agenda)**

Dear Board President Ellenberg and Members of the  
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party, which represents over 500,000 Democratic voters in Santa Clara County, I am writing to urge you to advance the proposal to build interim supportive housing on County-owned property at Benton and Lawrence Expressway by authorizing the County to serve as a co-applicant for California Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey funds for the project.

As you know, additional interim supportive housing is needed, very urgently, to reduce homelessness in our communities. All residents will benefit from this investment in providing housing and services to persons experiencing homelessness, helping them to transition to stable, permanent housing.

The proposed interim supportive housing would benefit neighboring residents and the entire community by providing new, well-maintained housing for persons experiencing homelessness, with supportive services on site, rather than having them struggle to survive in our parks, under overpasses, in cars parked on city streets, or otherwise on the margins of our communities. We urgently need this project.

Thank you for your consideration and your leadership on this issue.

Respectfully,

Bill James  
Santa Clara County Democratic Party Chair