



CITY OF NORCO

HORSETOWN USA

April 28, 2022

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for FY 2023 Funding for Homeless Emergency Shelter and Outreach Services

Dear Representative Calvert:

As the City Manager of the City of Norco, a City that represents/provides services to a population of over 27,000, I write to support the FY2023 appropriation request for \$800,000 to provide emergency shelter and outreach services to those experiencing homelessness in the City. .

The incidence of homelessness in the City of Norco has been on the rise for the last several years. This situation is having a significant negative impact on the City's central business district and the businesses therein. This is also creating public safety issues on residential neighborhoods and families that reside in the City of Norco.

Recognizing the negative impacts of homelessness in the City's economic development and quality of life, the City Council collaborated with the neighboring City of Corona to provide temporary motel/hotel housing to homeless individuals. While these homeless individuals are housed, supportive outreach services are provided by social workers who assist the homeless to transition to permanent housing and secure employment. This program has been able to assist seniors, teachers and others living in their cars and on public spaces from falling into chronic homelessness, thus, serving as an intervention program. It is important to note that due to high costs and lack of affordable housing in Norco, this interim solution must continue in order to effectively address this issue in our community.

Although, the City has been able to provide funding for this program, the amount of local funds available is not sufficient to provide temporary housing and outreach services for all that could be helped in the community. The City currently spends nearly \$700,000 annually for this program. Providing additional funding in the amount of \$800,000 will double the amount of clients served for next year.

The City understands that any funding provided will be one-time funding. The City does not plan to increase or hire additional staff, but rather all services will be provided through annual contact with case/social workers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andy Okoro
City Manager

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