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Chairman Andrew Do and Board of Supervisors,

Communities across the nation have struggled to identify solutions for homelessness, and cities within Orange County are no different. However, given the inequitable burden that cities within the county have faced, it is crucial that each city within the County of Orange help resolve this regional issue.

A regional and collaborative effort among cities and the county will help the region move toward a more sustainable solution to homelessness. We support the decision of the Board of Supervisors at its Special Meeting on March 19, 2018, to establish temporary housing shelters throughout the County to address homelessness. In addition, a regional housing and triage strategy can further help and strengthen the services to address chronic homelessness and help prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place.

We also support Federal Judge Carter's decision that requires identifying resources and housing for the individuals residing in the Santa Ana Civic Center. For decades, Santa Ana has done more than its fair share through services, facilities and financial contributions to mitigate impacts. It is our sincere hope that other communities will contribute to ensure that there is an equal distribution of services across the County.

There are ways that we can work together in the short and long-term. Solutions exist, but in order to attain them, differences must be set aside, and a willingness to collaborate must take precedence. Whether through existing legislative protections or creative solutions, cities must unite, residents must extend their support, and government, at all levels, must solve one of the most pressing issues of this decade.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue with the County and all 34 cities to establish a sustainable solution to end homelessness in our communities throughout our County.

Sincerely,

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