

Item 36  
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF ORANGE  
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd,  
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Re: Board of Supervisor's Meeting, Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION Agenda Item # 36: Ground Lease with Shelter Providers of  
Orange County, Inc. dba HomeAid Orange County

Honorable Supervisors:

I am writing to you to ask your support and approval to adopt the proposed resolution, approving a Ground Lease with Shelter Providers of Orange County, Inc. dba HomeAid Orange County for construction of Yale Transitional Center at 2229 South Yale Street, Santa Ana.

We all know the number of people experiencing homelessness increases every day. Homelessness has many faces and diverse needs, which is why a transitional center makes sense. An interim facility that will help identify and connect the homeless to services they need is a huge step in the right direction.

I have worked with HomeAid/OC on many projects and can testify to their ability to follow-through and get things done. They are well-versed with building public and private partnerships, providing them with excellent resources. It's an easy decision to trust HomeAid Orange County given their long track record and success partnering for new buildings, as well as, rehab projects.

I applaud the County of Supervisors that you're considering taking this monumental step towards a unique model that will help make a dent in the growing homeless population. You should be congratulated with the recent steps you've been taking to bring us all together towards solutions helping the most vulnerable in need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debra Pember