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From: Preciado, Stephanie

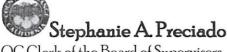
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:36 AM

To: COB\_Response

**Subject:** FW: CHIRLA letter of support Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program Item (# 33)

Attachments: Support for Orange County Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program.pdf

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From: Gloria Cruz <gcruz@chirla.org>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 3:18 PM
To: COB REQUEST <COB.Request@ocgov.com>

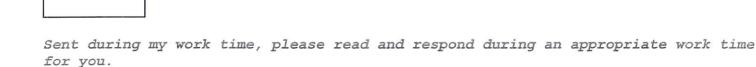
Subject: CHIRLA letter of support Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program Item (# 33)

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached The Coalition For Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) letter of support for Agenda Item 33. If you have any further questions, please contact me anytime.

Best, Gloria





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January 22, 2024

Orange County Board of Supervisors 400 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

RE: Support for Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Agenda Item 33 to fund \$500,000 towards a Fourth District Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program with the Friendly Center.

Dear Orange County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), I am writing to express our support for Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Agenda Item 33 to fund \$500,000 towards a Fourth District Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program with the Friendly Center.

Founded in 1986 the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) is a California leader, with national impact, made up of diverse immigrant families and individuals who act as agents of social change to achieve a world with freedom of mobility, full human rights, and true participatory democracy, fully inclusive of refugees and immigrants. CHIRLA prides itself in its work to serve the immigrant community through civic engagement, community education, organizing, advocacy at the forefronts of local, state, and federal government, and the provision of legal immigration services.

Individuals can fall into homelessness due to a variety of complex factors, including job loss, high housing costs, mental health issues, and a lack of support system, among others. Immigrants in Orange County are equally impacted by the ongoing housing crisis. Nearly one third of Orange County's residents are immigrants and the county's foreign-born population is the fourth largest in the country. 56% of residents are people of color<sup>1</sup>. Many families that are on the brink of homelessness will be greatly supported by any homelessness prevention initiatives the County

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THE STATE OF ORANGE COUNTY An Analysis of Orange County's Policies on Immigration and a Blueprint for an Immigrant Inclusive Future (2019) https://resilienceoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/State-of-OC-Report.pdf



moves forward, CHIRLA strongly supports Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's rental assistance pilot program.

Homelessness prevention initiatives are crucial because they address the root causes of homelessness, aiming to stop individuals and families from becoming homeless in the first place. By providing rental assistance paired with case management and support such as job training, financial counseling, and other wrap-around services, these initiatives help people not only obtain but maintain stable housing.

Preventing homelessness not only preserves the dignity of individuals but also has broader societal benefits such as reducing the strain on emergency shelters, healthcare systems, and social services. It is a cost-effective and humane approach that fosters community stability and wellbeing, and I urge you to vote in favor of the Program.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at Gcruz@chirla.org.

Respectfully,

Gloria Cruz

Director of Policy and Advocacy

### Guillen, Dora

From:

Preciado, Stephanie

Sent:

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:36 AM

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Subject:

FW: Support Letter/Speaker Request - Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Rental Assistance

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Chaffee Ltr of Support Rental System 1.22.23.pdf

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OC Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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From: Michelle Murphy < Michelle M@UnitedWayOC.org>

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:00 AM

To: Needham, Jannelle < Jannelle. Needham@ocgov.com>

Cc: Fisher, Emma <emma.fisher@ocgov.com>; Gaona Perez, Jesus <jesus.gaona-perez@ocgov.com>; Jabbar, Al <Al.Jabbar@ocgov.com>; COB REQUEST <COB.Request@ocgov.com>; Ashley Anderson <AshleyA@UnitedWayOC.org>

Subject: FW: Support Letter/Speaker Request - Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Rental Assistance Program

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Good Morning Jannelle,

Attached please find Orange County United Way/211OC's letter of support for Agenda Item 33. Copied on this email is Ashley Anderson, our Senior Program for United for Financial Services administering our County-wide Eviction Prevention Collaborative, who will be attending tomorrow's meeting for public comments.

Happy to help and we're very supportive of this effort to prevent evictions and homelessness in the county.

Please let me know if you have any questions-

Michelle Murphy, MSW Senior Director, Public Affairs

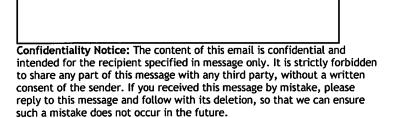
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From: Needham, Jannelle < Jannelle. Needham@ocgov.com>

Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 1:02 PM

To: Gaona Perez, Jesus < jesus.gaona-perez@ocgov.com>; Fisher, Emma < emma.fisher@ocgov.com>

Cc: Jabbar, Al < Al. Jabbar@ocgov.com>

Subject: Support Letter/Speaker Request - Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Rental Assistance Program

### Hello All:

Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee is introducing an agenda item for an Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program for Orange County 4th Supervisorial District residents at the <u>January 23rd</u> Orange County Board of Supervisors meeting.

As Organizations involved with assisting 4th District residents with various types of financial and public assistance services in OC, we encourage you send a letter of support to <a href="mailto:cobrequest@ocgov.com">cobrequest@ocgov.com</a> or to attend the Board meeting <a href="mailto:at 9 AM">at 9 AM</a>, to make public comments in lending your support for the pilot program. I have attached the Agenda Staff Report for your review and a sample letter of support. Please let me know if you have any questions related to this. Please feel free to pass it on to organizations that might be interested in supporting.

You may fill out speaker cards to speak on the Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program Item (# 33) during the meeting.

If you will be attending the Board of Supervisors meeting please reply to Jannelle Needham - Deputy Chief of Staff/ Communications Director - at <u>Jannelle.Needham@ocgov.com</u>, so we can give you guidelines on how to submit/give public comments and sample talking points.

Please note, the **Board meeting room** is located at the **County Administration North (CAN) building** at **400 W. Civic Center Dr. Santa Ana, CA 92701**.

You may park in the P4 CAN Surface Parking lot at 630 N Broadway St, Santa Ana, CA 92701. For more information on parking, please view the OC Civic Center map at https://www.ocpublicworks.com/parking. "

Best.



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January 22, 2024

Vice Chair Chaffee Orange County Board of Supervisors 400 W. Civic Center Dr. Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Vice Chair Chaffee,

Orange County United Way is writing to express support for the Board of Supervisor's Agenda Item 33 to fund \$500,000 towards a Fourth District Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program with the Friendly Center.

Individuals can fall into homelessness due to a variety of complex factors, including job loss, high housing costs, mental health issues, and a lack of support system, among others. Governments primarily focus on providing programs and services that address homelessness due to limited resources and the severity of those situations.

However, individuals and families who face great financial challenges and may be one crisis away from falling into homelessness. By prioritizing preventative measures to address extreme situations before they escalate, we can create better comprehensive and broader approaches to address homelessness.

Homelessness prevention initiatives are crucial because they address the root causes of homelessness, aiming to stop individuals and families from becoming homeless in the first place. By providing rental assistance paired with case management and support such as job training, financial counseling, and other wrap-around services, these initiatives help people not only obtain but maintain stable housing.

Preventing homelessness not only preserves the dignity of individuals but also has broader societal benefits such as reducing the strain on emergency shelters, healthcare systems, and social services. It is a cost-effective and humane approach that fosters community stability and well-being, and I urge you to vote in favor of the Program.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Parks President & CEO

# Guillen, Dora

From: Preciado, Stephanie

Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:37 AM

To: COB\_Response

Subject: FW: Support Letter - Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Rental Assistance Program (Agenda

Item 33)

Attachments: Abrazar - Letter of Support - Rental Assistance Program.pdf

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Stephanie A. Preciado
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From: Mario Ortega <m.ortega@abrazarinc.com>

Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 4:25 PM
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Subject: Support Letter - Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Rental Assistance Program (Agenda Item 33)

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Rental Assistance Program (Agenda Item 33) to be presented tomorrow.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Thank you,

Mario A. Ortega

<u>Abrazar - Chief Executive Officer</u>
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Westminster, CA 92683

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January 22, 2024

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Abrazar implemented a similar model of this innovative Program over 10+ years ago with United Way of OC. The Program has had extraordinary results and has grown over the past 10+



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years. Unfortunately, the need exceeds the available funding for this Program. This is an exciting and innovative Program that needs to be adopted by the County. I encourage you to vote to support this item.

If I can provide any additional information, do not hesitate to get in touch with me at (714) 278-4672 or by email at <a href="mailto:m.ortega@abrazarinc.com">m.ortega@abrazarinc.com</a>
Sincerely,

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