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Board of Supervisors,

I am impressed with the goals on this plan and hope they will be not only met, but exceeded. I have had the honor to work alongside a number of people living in the county for several years. Many of them have been displaced multiple times, as they were forced from wherever they were staying because they had nowhere to go, though they wanted help with housing and a dignified shelter option. My ask in this plan is that the county would have beds and housing options developed for our unhoused in the county. When the people were cleared from Brawley, they were not offered shelter, because there was no shelter, when I brought it up, I was told that outreach would come to some of them, after the sweep was done, but they told me no one came. And I understand that the shelters on Parkway were being held for the Fresno mayor's projects, leaving little shelter resources for those in the county. It's imperative that resources be made available for those in your jurisdiction in the county, as well as more resources in high opportunity areas for those both in the cities of Fresno and the county.

Regarding the numbers of the Point-In-Time reports, it is known among those who work alongside the unhoused that these numbers are generally far lower than the actual numbers, especially as it is winter and some find temporary shelter or do what they can to get motels to get out of freezing weather, but the number do show a huge need to be met.

I ask that more investment be made in hearing from those who are unhoused. to actively seek out the voice of the unhoused regarding their needs and perspective on how to address homeless concerns.

Thank you