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Regarding item 7-1

Good morning Board of supervisors,

In considering the remainder of your funding, please take into consideration those who are not yet sheltered. I am looking at the numbers of beds now available. While I'm grateful for the beds that exists, considering the number of those beds that already existed, and the people I see outside who have been wanting shelter, it doesn't seem like we are making much of a dent and I ask that you keep the current agencies involved accountable and consider how costs can be stretched. I ask that the current beds not only be extended to the mid-September, but that the agencies involved look into how to get more beds. This is particularly crucial considering that the Poverello House area is very densely populated and is unsafe, not only because of the risk of virus among people how have many health issues that put them at higher risk, but because of crime from gangs who are active and threaten that population. They have been waiting since the release of the money, and when they were first told they would have a motel bed, for shelter. I know a woman who is dying with cancer and a man with asthma among the many, who we assisted because the Homeless Taskforce took their shelter. I appreciate the push to use the money to create permanent solutions, but please provide shelter to protect those who are still out there and direct your staff as such. Thank you