County of Santa Clara

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July 24, 2015

Re: Proposed Temporary Winter Shelter Facility at Fair Oaks and California Avenues in Sunnyvale

Dear Neighbor:

As you may know, for twenty-two years the County of Santa Clara operated a Cold Weather Shelter Program (CWSP) from November through March of each year at 620 E. Maude Avenue in Sunnyvale. That site has recently been redeveloped into permanent supportive housing for homeless and lower-income households, with financing from the City of Sunnyvale, the County of Santa Clara, and other State and federal funding sources.

Following the permanent closure of the Sunnyvale shelter facility, many community members and stakeholders in Sunnyvale and throughout the County have expressed a desire to develop a new emergency shelter facility in North County. The County has sought a replacement shelter site for more than a year, but has not yet been able to obtain a site due to the highly competitive nature of the current real estate market.

For this reason, the County has developed a plan to install a temporary shelter facility on a County-owned parcel at the corner of Fair Oaks Avenue and California Avenue (see vicinity map on reverse side). The use of this site for the coming winter season (2015-16) will allow the County more time to search for a permanent replacement site, while providing a temporary shelter facility this winter for those living on the streets.

The proposed facility will have capacity to provide shelter to 100 individuals nightly from November 30, 2015 to March 31, 2016. In addition to nightly shelter, the facility will provide clients with meals, access to restrooms and shower facilities, and various health and social services offered by various agencies. Volunteers are an integral part of the program design. The goal of this program is to meet the basic needs of homeless individuals and families on a nightly basis. Shelter occupants must leave the facility at a designated time each morning. During operational hours, the facility will be fully staffed by HomeFirst, the non-profit agency that will operate the shelter, including janitorial and security personnel.

We cordially invite you to attend a **community meeting** on **August 17th** (details below), to learn more about this proposed temporary shelter project. Staff of the County and HomeFirst will present more details about the planned temporary shelter, explain what will be done to lessen any impacts on neighbors in the vicinity of the site, and answer any questions you may have. City Staff will also be available at the meeting.

Meeting Time/Date:	Monday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location:	Braly Park Community Room, at 704 Daffodil Court in Sunnyvale

A vicinity map of the project site is provided on the reverse side of this letter.

If you have any questions about this proposal or cannot make the meeting, please contact Teri Provence, Consultant to the County Office of Supportive Housing, at: tprovence@aol.com.

Sincerely,

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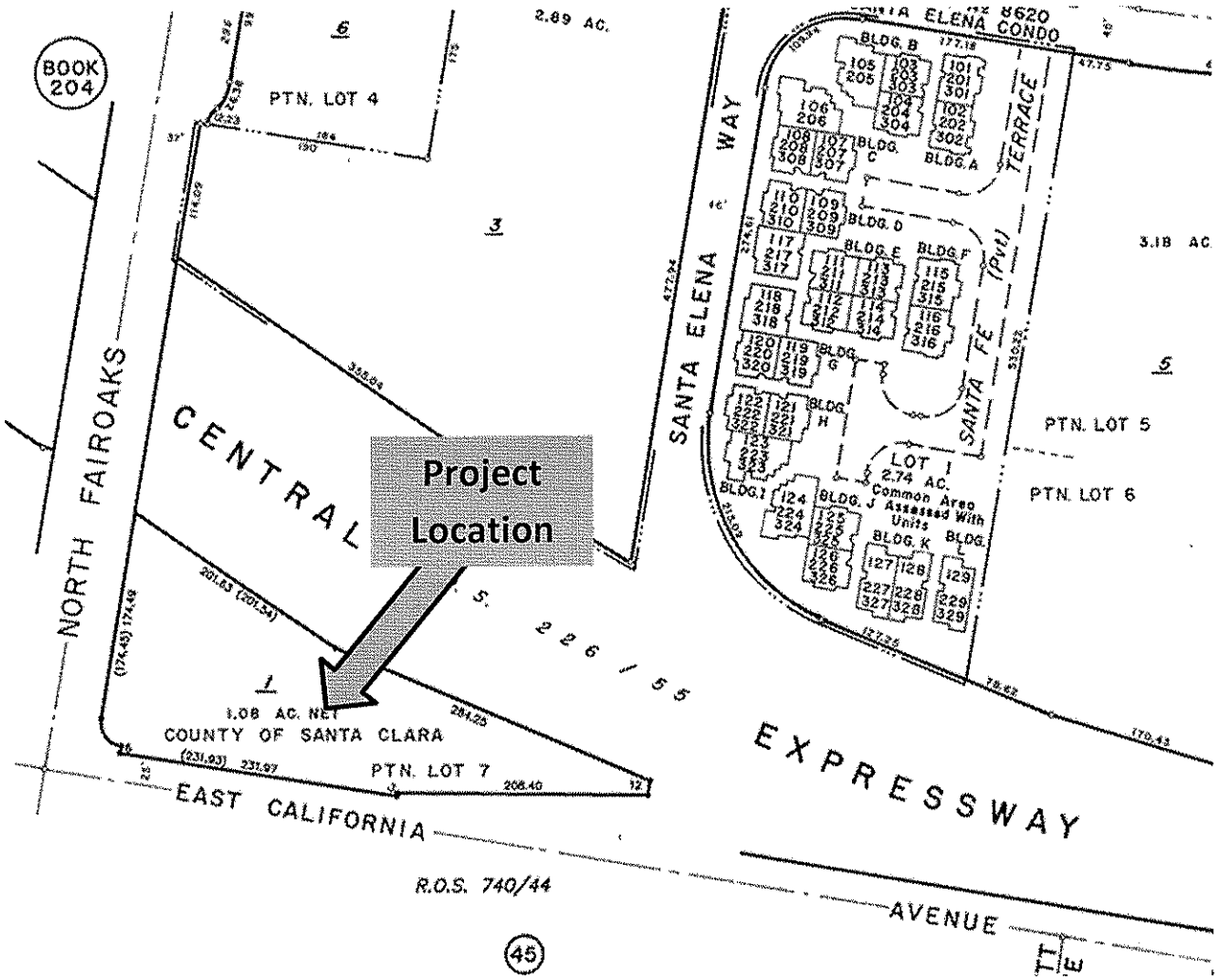
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NORTH FAIROAKS
CENTRAL
Project Location
SANTA ELENA WAY
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TERRACE
SANTA FE (Pvt.)
3.18 AC.
5
PTN. LOT 5
PTN. LOT 6
LOT 1
2.74 AC.
Common Area Assessed With Units
1
1.08 AC. NET
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
PTN. LOT 7
S. 226/55
EXPRESSWAY
EAST CALIFORNIA
AVENUE
R.O.S. 740/44
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