Tuesday, August 4: The County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on the Housing Element

Dear Smart Solutions to Homelessness Allies,

The County Board of Supervisors will be hearing public comment about the draft Housing Element tomorrow, August 4th. Please review the draft and consider coming out to show your support for strategies that will increase the amount of housing in our county!

The draft County Housing Element

The County Planning Department believes the County has an opportunity to shift the focus for this Housing Element Update to the range of strategies that the County can implement to help alleviate the housing crisis, rather than solely focusing on identifying additional sites to accommodate the RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation).

In particular, Planning staff and the Planning Commission
will to reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Santa Cruz County through education and collaborative action.

- Permanent Supportive Housing- Explore regulatory options for recognizing and legalizing hotels/motels that have over time been converted to permanent occupancy to serve an important role in supplying units that can be used for permanent supportive housing (a key strategy in the countywide All In plan to reduce and eventually end homelessness).

- Mixed Use- Reduce constraints to better support development of multiple smaller units rather than single larger units in mixed use projects that include commercial and office space. Read the full Planning Department proposal here

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We hope you will consider sharing your support for solutions that take us a step closer to ending homelessness in Santa Cruz County!

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