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CITY OF FAIRFIELD Founded 1856

Incorporated December 12, 1903

Mayor Harry T. Price

June 18, 2018

VIA E-mail and U.S. Mail

John Vasquez, Chairman
Solano County Board of Supervisors
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
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Re: Mission Solano

Dear Supervisor Vasquez:

Homelessness is an issue that the County of Solano and all of its cities are struggling with and is something that no one city can solve on its own. It requires a well-coordinated, regional response. Fairfield is committed to working collaboratively and supports a regional approach to address homelessness. Because of this, we are reaching out to ask for your assistance in supporting the county's largest homeless shelter facility (Bridge to Life Center) that is operated by Mission Solano on Beck Avenue in Fairfield, California.

Mission Solano is experiencing financial challenges and is struggling to meet its financial obligations. Local government stakeholders (i.e., City of Fairfield, County of Solano, and Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District), along with local healthcare providers (Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, North Bay Healthcare, and Partnership HealthPlan) and others, are working with Mission Solano to effectuate an orderly transition of the Bridge to Life Center to ensure that it continues to be available to serve the homeless. The transition will take time and resources.

At our City Council meeting on June 5, 2018, the Fairfield City Council agreed to be a party to a multi-agency agreement in which the City, along with other local government stakeholders, would agree to not collect on obligations that are owed while Fairfield works to identify and select a new operator for the Bridge to Life Center. The City has hired HomeBase to manage a Request for Qualifications process at a cost of \$22,000 (shared equally with the County of Solano), and it is anticipated that it will take four to five months to find a new operator. Assuming everything goes smoothly, a new operator should be in place as early as September 2018.

In order to stay open and serve the homeless while the City of Fairfield manages a process to identify a new operator, Mission Solano estimates that it will need approximately \$40,000 per month. To date local healthcare providers contributed

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\$125,000 to keep the Bridge to Life Center open through mid-June 2018, and they are considering providing additional funding; however, no agreements are in place. Assuming local healthcare providers contribute the funds necessary to keep the Bridge to Life Center open in June and July, an additional 60 days of funding (estimated at \$80,000) is needed to keep the Bridge to Life Center open during August and September.

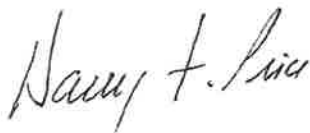
The Fairfield City Council has agreed to provide \$40,000 to keep the shelter open in August and is reaching out to ask that you consider providing funds. At a minimum, \$40,000 is needed to keep the shelter open through September. However, given the extent of Fairfield's past and ongoing commitments to Mission Solano, we are also asking that you partner with us and consider providing funds for August.

In addition to seeking immediate financial assistance, the Fairfield City Council understands that a new operator will need an advance of funds to effectuate the transition of the shelter facility and for startup capital. The amount of funds that will be needed is unknown at this time, but is likely to be fairly significant. To this end, we ask that you pledge your support and consider setting aside funds in your Fiscal year 18-19 budget for a new operator.

Every community in Solano County benefits from the Bridge to Life Center remaining open and thriving under a new operator. To this end, we urge you to work with your County Administrator and staff to bring the matter of providing funds for the Bridge to Life Center to your governing board as soon as possible. Time is of the essence, and we cannot afford to let the Bridge to Life Center close thereby displacing anywhere from 70 to 80 clients. This is a time to come together to ensure that those living on our streets have a place to seek respite.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry T. Price". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harry" being more prominent.

HARRY T. PRICE
Mayor

Attachments: June 5, 2018 City Council report regarding Bridge to Life Center

cc: County Administrator