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Honorable President Joe Simitian and Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor
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Dear President Simitian, Vice President Chavez, and Supervisors Cortese, Ellenberg,
and Wasserman:

Re: Item 24. Funding Options for I/DD Affordable Housing

On behalf of our members, we write today in support of the staff's recommendation to set aside nearly \$9 million in funding for affordable housing for extremely-low and very-low income individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD). This is the first funding that will come from the Board's commitment at its September 11, 2018 meeting to identify \$40 million for this purpose.

Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities have unique housing needs and vulnerabilities, and are deserving of safe, secure and affordable homes. Many individuals with I/DD now live at home with aging parents who are worried about their loved one's future. However, there are currently very limited independent living options available.

Over the years, developers and service providers have found that the best way to create these housing opportunities is by integrating units for people with disabilities in new affordable housing where they can receive the supportive services that allow them to live independently. The Housing Choices Coalition has identified several current developments throughout the County that could provide nearly 600 new homes, including 118 for individuals with I/DD.

We know that finding new revenue for these homes is challenging, and appreciate the staff's creativity in identifying sources of revenue to allocate for this purpose. We are hopeful that more funding can be found to assist the remaining homes as they are identified.

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The need is immediate, the solutions are clear, and with your continued leadership, we are confident that the funding can be secured and that new affordable homes for individuals for intellectual and development disabilities can move forward towards construction.

Sincerely,



Leslye Corsiglia
Executive Director

