

# County of Santa Clara

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Mr. John McAlister  
Mayor  
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RE: Resolution of the Housing Task Force of the County of Santa Clara

Dear Mr. McAlister,

On behalf of the members of the County's Housing Task Force, we request your support in addressing the urgent housing needs of homeless men, women and families throughout the county. Specifically, we request that your organization bring the attached resolution before its governing board for adoption, thereby joining the County, other cities and agencies in acknowledging the crisis of homelessness and considering one or more strategy to reduce homelessness throughout the county. The resolution was unanimously adopted by the Housing Task Force on October 9, 2015, and the Cities Association on November 12, 2015.

While cities and agencies have varying resources, each organization can play some role in meeting homeless persons' basic needs, preventing homelessness among our most vulnerable populations, and increasing the supply of affordable and supportive housing. By passing the resolution, you will express a continued commitment to work regionally and collaboratively.

Our collective effort is aimed at preventing homelessness whenever possible. When homelessness cannot be prevented, we must work together to ensure that homelessness for an individual or family is rare, brief and non-recurring.

Sincerely,

Ben Field  
Co-Chairperson  
Housing Task Force of the County of Santa Clara

Matthew R. Mahood  
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