



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: January 31, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Adopting and Affirming the County of Sonoma's Support for the
Sonoma County Continuum of Care's
2023-2027 Homelessness Strategic Plan**

Whereas, providing care for and assuring safe, secure, and stable housing for the roughly 2,900 (as of the 2022 Point-In-Time Count) of Sonoma County's residents who can be unhoused at any one time in Sonoma County is a critical goal for the Board of Supervisors, County government, for Sonoma County's nine cities, and for all of Sonoma County's residents; and

Whereas, the goal of "Functional Zero" in homelessness, where homelessness is brief, rare, and one-time, is attainable in Sonoma County with the right services, housing supply, and a coordinated system of care that closely integrates the service providers, local and tribal governments, financial resources, the health care community, the faith-based community, our housed and unhoused neighbors, the business community, and more; and

Whereas, in each region of the nation, including Sonoma County, has a Continuum of Care under the guidance of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), set up in part to allocate funds to prevent and address homelessness and in part to ensure that the local System of Care is coordinated, effective, and efficient; and

Whereas, from the latter part of 2021 through December 2022, the Sonoma County Continuum of Care Governing Board, its Strategic Planning Committee, representatives with lived experience in homelessness, stakeholder groups, and the CoC's Department of Health Services- Community Development Commission lead agency staff worked with HomeBase LLC to develop a five-year strategic plan to address homelessness in Sonoma County with a focus in part on attaining Functional Zero homelessness for the chronically homeless population; and

Whereas, the CoC's strategic planning effort involved extensive stakeholder and public participation, and resulted in three (3) key goals, eighteen (18) specific strategies, ninety-three (93) specific action steps, and prioritized nine (9) of the action steps for 2023; and

Whereas, the three main themes of the Homelessness Strategic Plan included: (1) providing more housing and homelessness prevention resources, (2) building a strong supportive services network; and (3) operating as one coordinated system of care. These themes and the specific action steps around them for the Plan's adoption and resulted in a 15-0 vote by the CoC Board to approve the Plan on December 14, 2022.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and affirms its support for the Sonoma County Continuum of Care's 2023-2027 Homelessness Strategic Plan and encourages the County's team members who participate in implementing the System of Care to follow the recommendations of the Plan.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Gore: Hopkins: Coursey:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.