

AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO BRIDGE TO HOME FOR THEIR HOMELESS SHELTER CAMPUS

On November 7, 2018, and as amended on June 23, 2020, the County’s Regional Planning Commission approved Project No. 920740-(5) and Revised Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 51644-1, also known as Tesoro del Valle. Tesoro del Valle is a multi-phased residential development on approximately 1,279 acres of vacant property located in north Los Angeles County, recently annexed by the City of Santa Clarita. The project includes both detached single-family and condominium units for families and seniors, as well as community amenities that include a senior recreation center, a linear park, and open space.

In 2018, as a condition of approval for Tesoro del Valle, BLC Tesoro, LLC was required to transfer \$1,640,000 to the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), for the benefit of a project serving homeless families and individuals. The amount to be transferred would increase by inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, until paid. The funds to be transferred to the LACDA now equal \$1,917,254.69. The LACDA was to use these funds, after administrative costs, to negotiate and execute an agreement with a nonprofit organization for the implementation of a project or projects serving homeless individuals and families in the City of Santa Clarita, the Santa Clarita Valley, or within the Fifth Supervisorial District, in that order

Bridge to Home (BTH) is a prominent nonprofit homeless service provider dedicated to help individuals and families in the Santa Clarita Valley to move from homelessness to housing. BTH is in the process of developing a new 19,000 square foot homeless shelter campus, which will provide 60 shelter beds and eight apartment-style units, located at 23031 Drayton Street, in the City of Santa Clarita (Campus). The allocation of these funds to the Campus satisfies the purpose of these funds to benefit homeless families and individuals, and its location satisfies the vision to address homelessness in the Santa Clarita Valley.

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The BTH project was determined categorically exempt from the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the City of Santa Clarita in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. LACDA's consideration of this determination satisfies the requirements of CEQA.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Board of Commissioners of the Los Angeles County Development Authority to:

1. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to the CEQA, certify that the Board of Commissioners has considered the exemption determination for the BTH project, which was prepared by the City of Santa Clarita as lead agency; and find that this project will not cause a significant impact on the environment,
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to incorporate, as needed, up to \$1,917,254.69 in funds into LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2022-2023, and future Fiscal Year budgets, as needed, for the purposes described herein; provide a grant of up to \$1,786,054.69 to BTH for development of the Campus; and retain \$131,200 for project administration, and
3. Approve and authorize the LACDA's Executive Director, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement and any related documents, following approval as to form by County Counsel, with BTH up to \$1,786,054.69 for their development of the Campus.

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