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AGN. NO.
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Acquisition of Bellflower New Hope Shelter to Preserve Interim Housing in SPA 7

On Monday May 18, 2020, the Bellflower City Council and many others dedicated the New Hope Temporary Shelter at 8833 Cedar Street in the City of Bellflower. New Hope began serving the Bellflower homeless population on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in compliance with the City's landmark settlement agreement with homeless advocate plaintiffs on September 23, 2019. Bellflower was the first city in Los Angeles County (County) to sign on with Judge Carter's order as a method of addressing the pervasive homelessness issue.

New Hope is a state-of-the-art, 50-bed shelter for Bellflower homeless individuals that is operated by Mercy House. The operator assists program participants with creating a housing plan and makes connections to housing resources to end their homelessness as soon as possible. The program maintains a strict no-walk-up policy and depends on referrals from local non-profit organizations, contracted homeless liaisons, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Since the opening of this shelter, the City of Bellflower (City) has committed itself to continuing to fund the operations of this shelter.

Because of the continued rising costs of operating the shelter, the City is seeking to acquire the property where the New Hope shelter is located. The City has

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communicated with the owner of the site and found that it would cost \$4.5 million to purchase the property. The City has committed \$2.5 million towards the purchase and has requested \$2 million from the County.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) has been informed by the Chief Executive Office, Homeless Initiative that there is \$7.6 million in carryover funds within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which was created in 2015 to support housing solutions within the County. It is essential that the Board sustain the New Hoper Shelter interim housing beds in SPA 7 and support the continued partnership with the City of Bellflower.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the proposed actions are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. In the alternative, the actions are exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that the activities will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment;
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to allocate \$2 million of carryover funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the acquisition of the New Hope Shelter in the City of Bellflower; and
3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, or her designee, to enter into a funding agreement with the City of Bellflower not to exceed \$2 million for the acquisition of the New Hope Shelter in the City of Bellflower, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

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