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DRAFT LETTER IN SUPPORT OF SB 330

Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear County Supervisors:

As Veterans Day approached last year, some 38,000 veterans were homeless across the United States and "hundreds of thousands of veterans struggled to keep a roof over their head," according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The latest U.S. Census reported that 666,000 veterans lived in low-income households in 2010, paying more than half their income for rent and utilities.

In 2004, the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development laid out steps to remove barriers to affordable housing, and in 2019, the State of California adopted many of those suggestions when it approved SB 330 which streamlines the permitting process for affordable housing.

SB 330 improves opportunities for veterans to move into affordable housing. That is why the leadership of the El Dorado County Veterans Affairs Commission, in response to our statutory role in "Reviewing policies and programs affecting veterans," requests that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors place the matter of support for SB 330 on its public calendar and direct the County's Administrative Office and Building Services staffs to draft revisions to policies that will adopt and implement SB 330.

As Veterans Day approaches this year, we are hopeful that El Dorado County will take the steps necessary, helpful and reasonable to enable the provision of affordable housing to this county's veterans.

Most respectfully yours,

Todd Smith, Co-Chair
El Dorado County Veterans Affairs Commission

Kurt Raffetto, Co-Chair
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