

**Purpose Statement:**

C3H will harness all resources available to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness, as well as minimize the impacts of homelessness in Santa Barbara County.

**Strategies:**

- \*Housing First
- \*Housing Ready
- \*Family/Employer Reunification

**Pillars/Goals:**

- ♦ Prevent homelessness
- ♦ Support the expansion of housing for the homeless
- ♦ Build a results- and data-driven culture
- ♦ Elevate community dialogue, support, and collaboration regarding homelessness
- ♦ Encourage commitment to self-sufficiency

May 16, 2014

The Honorable Mayor Helene Schneider  
 Members of the City Council  
 City of Santa Barbara  
 735 Anacapa Street  
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mayor Schneider and Members of the Santa Barbara City Council,

As Chair of the Policy Council for the Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H), I would like to express our gratitude for the sizeable contribution the City of Santa Barbara has made thus far in support of C3H's leadership and coordination of service providers and stakeholders addressing homelessness in Santa Barbara County. As a centralized planning body established in September of 2012, C3H works with sixty collaborative partners in addressing all aspects of homelessness. In the past year, the work of this partnership has successfully housed more than 530 people, many of them children and veterans. We have very much appreciated the participation of Mayor Schneider as Vice Chair and Councilmember Francisco as a member of the Policy Council to assist us in this important effort. We are also grateful for the City's in-kind donation of office space for C3H staff.

In the current economic climate, the impacts to social service delivery and the need for housing have seriously affected some of the most vulnerable members of our community. The reality of diminishing resources makes it crucial for government, the private sector and nonprofit service providers to collaborate whenever possible to provide efficient and effective service. In addition, due to changes mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), C3H was designated last month to serve as the Lead Agency for the Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care. C3H's ability to effectively carry out these new responsibilities is dependent upon the capacity of staff to lead these efforts with the input of community partners.

C3H is currently formulating a budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. A draft "proportionate share" funding strategy was presented at the May 8th Policy Council meeting which is attached. The calculation was based on the number of homeless individuals within each jurisdiction according to the 2013 "Point in Time" Count. Recognizing that budget discussions are currently underway in most jurisdictions, the Policy Council has requested that each City in Santa Barbara County be asked to consider supporting the work of C3H which is of direct benefit to you. According to this formula, the City of Santa Barbara's share is \$116,232 out of a total C3H proposed budget of \$295,000. The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara is expected to contribute \$25,000 to help cover the City's share. We hope we can continue to look to you as a leader in this effort to combat homelessness and we ask that the City of Santa Barbara consider an ongoing financial contribution of at least \$75,000. Given that homelessness crosses all jurisdictions, the C3H Policy Council believes that it is in the interest of the Cities and the County to take collective action and assemble shared funding.



Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Doreen Farr'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Doreen' being more prominent than the last name 'Farr'.

Doreen Farr, Chair C3H Policy Council, Third District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara  
Helene Schneider, Vice Chair C3H Policy Council, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara  
Steve Lavagnino, Fifth District Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara  
Jack Boysen, Councilmember, City of Santa Maria  
Gregg Carty, Vice Mayor, City of Carpinteria  
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Dale Francisco, Councilmember, City of Santa Barbara  
Paula Perotte, Councilmember, City of Goleta  
Holly Sierra, Councilmember, City of Buellton  
Terri Zuniga, Councilmember, City of Santa Maria

Cc: Jim Armstrong, City Administrator

