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Board of Supervisors  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
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**SUBJECT: Receive and File Presentation of a Resolution in Support of “Ending Homelessness Among Veterans.”**

**Dear Board Members:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File a Presentation of a Resolution in Support of “Ending Homelessness Among Veterans” in Ventura County.

**DISCUSSION:**

Tomorrow, all across the nation, we will observe Veteran’s Day in honor of those who, here and abroad, risked everything to protect the liberties we enjoy every day. However, what we have yet to accomplish, is honoring those Veteran’s by ensuring that each and every one has a place to come home to.

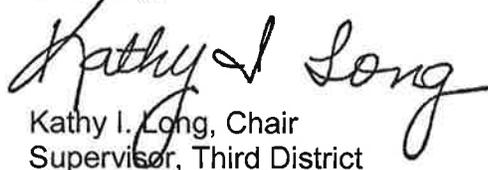
Recent VA data indicates that veterans are twice as likely as other Americans to be chronically homeless. Thirteen percent of U.S. adults who are homeless have served in the military—a significant number, given that Veterans represent just 7 percent of the overall population. In 2005, the VA Northeast Program Evaluation Center reported that male veterans are 1.3 times more likely to become homeless than non-veteran males; and female veterans are 3.6 times more likely to become homeless than non-veteran females.

Preventing and ending homelessness among Veterans by the end of 2015 is a National priority that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and its federal partners, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), have taken decisive action to achieve. In 2014, First Lady Michelle Obama announced a new program, the “Mayor’s Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness”, to urge community leaders to step up to the challenge.

There are approximately 100 homeless Veterans living on the streets and in the riverbeds of Ventura County and there are a complex set of factors affecting these individuals – extreme shortage of affordable housing, livable income, and limited access to health care. The Ventura Countywide Continuum of Care has secured technical assistance from the Corporation for Supportive Housing, a technical assistance consultant for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to work with us in placing these Vets in homes and furthermore, ending Veteran homelessness in Ventura County.

We are encouraging the Mayors of all ten cities in Ventura County to join the “Mayoral Challenge to End Homelessness”, and asking landlords across the County, as well as our housing partners to support this intensive effort to make sure that all Veterans in Ventura County are able to come home to safe and stable housing.

Sincerely,



Kathy I. Long, Chair  
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Steve Bennett  
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ATTACHMENT I: Resolution

ATTACHMENT II: VC Homes 4 Hero's Fact Sheet

ATTACHMENT III: VC Homes 4 Hero's Fact Sheet for Landlords