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Hello,

Thank you for having a listening session to help shape your committee's recommendations for the 2026 budget process. I am unable to attend the meeting, so I appreciate the opportunity to send my thoughts in writing.

I understand several areas of homelessness and housing issues (among many others!) are at risk of funding cuts from the federal level, which won't make this an easy budget.

I would like to encourage the committee's support regarding operations of the new men's shelter opening in Q1 of 2026. As I'm sure you're all aware, this is our community's first purpose-built shelter. It is unique that the City and County have invested over $20 million dollars in capital funds to build the shelter. The shelter needs to operate 24/7 in order to provide both basic needs (bed, food, showers, etc.) and access to support and services during the day to help move them into housing and/or reach other goals. While I believe there is role for private sector fundraising to help with the operations costs, I urge the City and the County to prioritize shelter operations funding so the new shelter can operate at its fullest potential. A fully functioning men's shelter would benefit the men experiencing homelessness who stay there in addition to the community at large. A high functioning shelter is a critical component of the entire homeless services system.

Thank you for your consideration,
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