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The Honorable David O. Carter, Judge

Re: Invitation to Attend March 17, 2018, Status Conference

Dear Judge Carter:

The City of San Clemente received your invitation to the Mayor and City Manager of each Orange County city to attend the status conference for Case No. SA CV 18-0155-DOC Orange County Catholic Worker et. al. v. Orange County et. al to be held on March 17, 2018. Without the opportunity to meet with our City Council, the Mayor and I thought it best to provide the court in writing this information regarding the City's effort to address homelessness in San Clemente.

We appreciate the efforts of all parties to assist the persons removed from the Riverbed and housed in motels and shelters and have supplemented those efforts as much as possible given the opportunity.

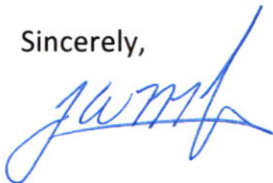
The San Clemente City Council included addressing homelessness as a top policy and budget priority this year. San Clemente believes it has seen the real fruits of these efforts, with a 50% reduction in our point-in-time homeless count from prior years. Our efforts include:

- Continued funding of a Homeless Liaison Officer.
- Re-writing the City General Plan housing element to obtain State certification that it provides adequate siting opportunities for the homeless shelters. That Plan includes an innovative Lyft transportation voucher program to backfill for OCTA's recent drastic reduction in fixed-route busing in the City.
- Continued partnership, with significant financial lease subsidies and office space to the City's non-profit partner Family Assistance Ministries (FAM). FAM provides 52 shelter beds for displaced and homeless persons that is offered in tandem with programming, care and services to address that population's comprehensive needs. FAM estimates that it

had 12,924 contacts with the South County homeless and indigent population last year.

- Since 1999 the City of San Clemente has funded FAM with approximately \$1.2 million dollars to support FAM and their homeless prevention program.
- Public Workshops & Forums with interested communities organizations featuring the Mayor and Chief of Police Services discussing homeless in our community, the policies and support provided by City, Sheriff's and local non-profits and the best approaches to the issue for our residents.
- Re-writing of the City's loitering and vagrancy laws to de-criminalize homelessness as a status crime.

Sincerely,



James Makshanoff
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