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Thomas Clavell submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Meeting

Item: 10. 20-0166 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM THE LUCKY DUCK FOUNDATION AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE CITY'S RESPONSE EFFORTS TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

eComment: Good Evening Mayor Salas and City Council I would like to express my support to the Mayor and the entire City Council to pursue the establishment of a shelter for homeless persons in the City of Chula Vista and the greater South Bay. I am not an expert however I am an informed citizen and have been engaged in efforts to address the issue at a number of levels for 13 years. The issue is complex and is frequently painted with a broad brush. I would ask the Council and my fellow citizens to remain open minded as the opportunity to provide solutions presents. We hear a lot about permanent housing being the solution to homelessness. Shelters and transitional housing are equally important. The City, non-profit organizations, the CVPD Hot team and others abilities to work with this population would be greatly enhanced by the existence of a shelter program. Providing folks the basic security of a safe place to sleep, a meal, a shower and a place to use the bathroom is to my mind a pretty basic social responsibility regardless of why a person is in the position of needing it. By making these things available, we are then able to put folks in a position to do something about their situation if they are able. In addition, it is reasonable to assume that the current situation with the COVID 19 pandemic and the ensuing fall out as a result of major financial upheaval will only aggravate the situation. It is a good time to take action. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

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