



March 29, 2017

County of Alameda Health Care Services Agency
1000 San Leandro Boulevard, Suite 300
San Leandro, CA 94577

Re: Support for Abode Services' Housing Resource Center Activities

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Union City is writing in full support of Abode Services' application to provide a Housing Resource Center (HRC) and Related HRC Services for the South County, if selected by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) and Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department. Among the HRC Services that Abode is proposing are assessment, housing problem-solving, housing navigation, connection to mainstream resources, and other supports to ensure that homeless and at-risk community members can be quickly connected to the resources that best match their needs.

The proposed HRC and related services will be instrumental in our community's fight to end homelessness. The City continues to operate the CAREavan program, which provides safe parking for displaced families, as well as the Youth and Family Services program, which provides counseling, case management, and intervention services for at-risk youth and families. The City also provides funding and City-owned space to several non-profit organizations that provide a wide range of services for the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness. We look forward to partnering with Abode to integrate our services into the County's larger Coordinated Entry system, enhancing access to housing and services for homeless and at-risk members of our community, and ensuring the most efficient use of resources.

We look forward to your consideration of these proposals.

Sincerely,

Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Mayor
City of Union City