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RE: Public Comments:
City of Santa Rosa
Federal Housing & Community Dev. Funds: CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA

Att: Nancy Manchester

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the City of Santa Rosa's Use of Federal Housing & Community Development Funds: 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Action Plan.

We truly appreciate the City of Santa Rosa's commitment to addressing the local homeless emergency, and for the provision of federal CDBG Public Service funding for the Family Support Center, which provides emergency shelter and services, with the primary aim of moving families with children experiencing homelessness into housing; and the Homeless Services Center, which engages individuals without shelter in basic needs services in an effort to engage them in shelter and housing.

During this current fiscal year to date, over 100 individuals (parents and children), exiting the Family Support Center have already been placed in permanent housing (as of the end of the 3rd Quarter), exceeding contract expectations. At the Homeless Services Center, 1,621 individuals have completed intake procedures and received lifeline services including showers, phone service, storage, mail and referrals to services and resources.

Many thanks again for the opportunity to partner with the City of Santa Rosa to help eliminate homelessness in our city. The CDBG Public Service Funds are key sources of support for this vital work.

Very Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Len Marabella".

Len Marabella
Chief Executive Officer



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