



COUNTY OF VENTURA PROBATION AGENCY

February 27, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

SUBJECT: Approval of and Authorization for the Chief Probation Officer or Designee to Terminate the Contract with Una Vida Esta Vida, for Adult Residential Sober Living Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

Approve and authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to terminate the contract (Exhibit 1) with Una Vida Esta Vida (aka Spencer House), for adult sober living services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact with this recommendation. AB109 funds were allocated for these services and those funds will be reallocated to another vendor to provide similar services.

STRATEGIC PLAN CONNECTION

Sober living services support the County's Strategic Plan, by addressing homelessness and lifting up the most vulnerable. These services help fulfil the County's goals by (1) providing short-term housing and services to foster well-being and self-sufficiency; and (2) meeting basic needs as a safety net for the vulnerable adult justice involved population.

DISCUSSION:

On December 19, 2023, your Board approved a six-month contract for adult sober living services with Una Vida Esta Vida in the amount of \$180,000 with possible extensions for \$360,000 per full fiscal year. (Exhibit 1.) The vendor had been providing the same services under a prior contract that ended on December 31, 2023, which began after a

request-for-proposal process. After your Board's approval of the current contract, the Probation Agency learned of information calling into question the vendor's fitness to provide the required services. After an investigation, the Probation Agency determined it is in the best interest of the County to terminate the contract. As shown in Exhibit 1, section 6, the contract is terminable at will upon 10 days' written notice. If your Board authorizes termination, the Probation Agency will provide the required notice.

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions regarding this item, please feel free to contact me at (805) 654-2100 or Chief Deputy Tim Dowler at (805) 981-5526.

Sincerely,



GINA JOHNSON
Chief Probation Officer

Attachment:

Exhibit 1: Contract with Una Vida Esta Vida