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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisor Bennett to receive a report on the Homeless One Stop program as an example of increasing community volunteers and support for a wide range of county projects that would benefit from more community support .

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a report on the Homeless One Stop program to learn about their success partnering with other organizations and volunteers from throughout the community.

DISCUSSION:

The Homeless One Stop has been in operation in Ventura since January 22, 2008. During that time, they have partnered with an impressive array of individuals and organizations that volunteer regularly and contribute greatly to the success of the program.

With the current economic forecast, it will be increasingly important for all of our County agencies to look for ways that we can build successful volunteer partnerships. The Homeless One Stop volunteer partnerships are a model for what can be accomplished when government and the private sector work together.

I hope that this Board will join me in encouraging all County agencies to explore how they can better accomplish their mission with the aid of volunteers. Our community is filled with talented, generous individuals who are eager to serve their community. As we move into the coming year, I look forward to other County departments sharing how volunteers help them achieve their mission of serving the public.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Bennett".

Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District