

Bob Engler  
Mayor

November 21, 2022

Dr. Sevet Johnson, County CEO  
County of Ventura  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: City of Thousand Oaks Navigation Center

Dear Dr. Johnson,

As reflected in our September 27, 2022 letter, the City of Thousand Oaks has long had a cooperative partnership with the County of Ventura across a broad spectrum of issues. Since that letter, the City has received proposals from four developer/operator teams to develop and operate a proposed Homeless Navigation Center at the City-owned property at 1205 Lawrence Drive. A team of City and County staff have interviewed the top two proposal teams and overwhelmingly selected the team of Dignity Moves, Hope of the Valley, and Many Mansions to move forward to move forward. This recommendation was then presented to the City's Homeless Ad Hoc Committee on November 21, 2022, whereby myself and councilmember Claudia Bill de-la Pena agreed with staff's recommendation.

Although there is much work still to be done to bring this Navigation Center to a reality, we are excited about the progress that has been made in such a short amount of time. In an effort to continue to move forward expeditiously on behalf of the Thousand Oaks City Council, I am requesting the County of Ventura's financial and planning support in the City's goal of developing and supporting the operation of a year-round Navigation Center in Thousand Oaks. I respectfully request a capital commitment of \$2.0 million (approximately 50% of the proposed budget of \$4.1 million) and an annual ongoing operating contribution of 50% of the annual operating costs, estimated at \$0.9 million. The operations funding support is in line with the County's commitment with other Ventura County cities, such as Oxnard and Ventura.

An interdisciplinary team of City staff, led by Assistant City Manager Ingrid Hardy, will actively participate with County staff to achieve this goal as we value the expertise provided by County staff in this field.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bob Engler, Mayor