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Alameda County Board of Supervisors 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Letter of Support for Measure W - Prioritizing Homelessness Solutions in Oakland

On behalf of the Downtown Oakland Partnership, we write to express our strong support for the equitable allocation of Measure W funds toward comprehensive homelessness services and solutions that will benefit both individuals experiencing homelessness and the broader community.

Measure W presents a significant opportunity to invest in the full continuum of homelessness interventions, including prevention, interim shelter, permanent supportive housing, and wraparound services. These investments are essential to addressing the urgent needs of our most vulnerable neighbors while fostering a safer, healthier environment that supports the economic recovery and long-term vitality of downtown Oakland.

The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted downtown Oakland, affecting residents, businesses, and the vital infrastructure that sustains our city's housing, economic, and social systems. During this time, the challenges faced by our unhoused community have persisted and intensified. There is a shared commitment among property owners, retailers, service providers, and public agencies to implement compassionate and effective responses that connect unhoused individuals with the resources and support necessary to regain stability and independence.

To maximize impact, we encourage continued collaboration among key stakeholders, including County agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and businesses, to ensure that funding decisions reflect the specific needs and expertise of our urban core. The Downtown Oakland Partnership remains committed to collaborating with stakeholders to advance solutions that uplift individuals and the broader Oakland community, while supporting the equitable implementation of Measure W to build a more inclusive and resilient city.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing homelessness with compassion, equity, and strategic focus.

Sincerely, Downtown Oakland Partnership (Partial List)



Oakland Metro Chamber of Commerce Gensler

Lakeside Partner Group Kinfolx

Blue Shield of California Chromata Retail

Pacific Gas & Electric BuildGroup

Credit Karma Behring Co.

Marqeta Roofstock

thredUP Samuel Merritt University

Awaken Café and Roasting Transwestern

Aldin Company Oaklandish

Kaiser Permanente The YMCA

TMG Partners EBMUD

Paramount Theatre Fennemore Wendel

Fluid510 Martin

Oakland School for the Arts

The Port Bar

Oakland Kia/ Chevrolet/Ford AC Transit

The Clorax Company Carmel Partners

Holland Partners Group Frontline Realty Capital

Another Planet Entertainment Lakeside

Oakland BID Alliance Tidewater Capital

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