

November 25, 2024



CITY OF SAN PABLO
City of New Directions



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State of California
Department of Health Care Services
1501 Capitol Ave, MS 4000
Sacramento, CA 95899

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support for Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Services (CCBHS) and their proposed Behavioral Health Community Infrastructure application. CCBHS is proposing two (2) new programs, that together and separately, fill crucial gaps for Contra Costa County Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are living with serious mental health challenges.

As a large Bay Area County, the Contra Costa region has almost no residential capacity, and all crisis and residential services are centrally focused in one part of the County. This means that individuals in the East and West parts of the County may spend hours in transit, depending on the time of day, to receive crisis services. Additionally, individuals who require residential services are placed out of County and away from their family and other support systems in the times when those supports are most needed.

CCBHS partnered with stakeholders to conduct a systems-wide assessment, identify needs, and develop priorities for BHCIP. Through this process, stakeholders prioritized: 1) developing in-County services that can both bring people home and minimize future out of county placement, and 2) develop crisis services in other regions of the County. The CCBHS BHCIP projects respond to this call from community by developing **two (2) social rehabilitation facilities (SRF)** – one crisis residential/short term SRF and one adult residential/transitional residential SRF in the western region of the County.

If successfully funded, these proposed projects will add a total of 32 new, social rehabilitation beds, including 16 short-term and 16 transitional beds. Currently, there are no ART beds and only 16 CRT beds for all of Contra Costa County. The City of San Pablo anticipates that these programs will support individuals to receive crisis and residential services in their home communities; minimize avoidable emergency rooms utilization; reduce contact with the criminal justice system, including jail stays; and better support people to transition from locked and/or residential settings into their home communities and remain there.

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In closing, the City of San Pablo strongly recommends this application be funded in order to support our community members who are struggling with serious mental health issues who would greatly benefit from this new and expanded service capacity within our County system of care.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or if you would like additional information about our support of this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'PP', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Patricia Ponce, Mayor
City of San Pablo

cc: San Pablo City Council
City Manager
City Attorney

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State of California Department of Social Services
Community Care Licensing Division
744 P Street, MS 8-17-17
Sacramento, CA 95814

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express support from the City of San Pablo for the project proposed for 2523 El Portal Dr, San Pablo, CA 94806.

Contra Costa County Behavioral Health seeks to develop a 16-bed crisis residential treatment facility/short term social rehabilitation facility and a 16-bed adult residential treatment facility/transitional residential social rehabilitation facility. The City of San Pablo fully supports the development of these two (2) new behavioral health facilities at this location.

Further, the City understands that the two (2) facilities will be located less than 300 feet apart and has no objection to the concentration of these facilities in the neighborhood in which the property is located.

In closing, the City supports the ongoing development of these programs and look forward to the additional service availability for our local residents.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia Ponce, Mayor
City of San Pablo

cc: San Pablo City Council
City Manager

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