

**FW: Supporting Agenda Item 2.14 21-1996 Destination: Home SV Grant**

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Hello, I'm writing on behalf of PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) regarding Item 2.14, in enthusiastic support of the proposed Grant Agreement with Destination: Home.

PATH is one of the largest nonprofit homelessness service providers in California, and our affordable housing development arm PATH Ventures has nearly 2,000 units of affordable housing built or in development. Just last month, we proudly celebrated the groundbreaking for PATH Villas on 4th Street in collaboration with the City of San Jose and Destination: Home. The dedicated planning staffer from Destination: Home currently embedded with the city was indispensable in smoothing out technical issues and keeping development on schedule. With their help, we secured the City's first AB 2162 streamlining permit, which proved critical in obtaining our entitlements on time and qualifying for important funding deadlines. Without this planner, we likely would not have been able to break ground on Villas on 4th Street for another year or more – and chronically homeless seniors would have had to wait even longer for badly needed stable housing.

We're positive that continuation of this important program will further expedite development of affordable housing, so we ask that the Council approve this item. Thank you!

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