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**Re: Support for Item SJHA 1-- Approval of the Santa Clara County Housing Authority Fiscal Year 2027 Moving to Work Annual Plan**

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Hello,

Please see the attached Support letter.  
Thank you,

Melina Andreas

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April 7, 2026

City of San Jose Housing Authority  
Board of Commissioners  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Honorable Housing Authority Commissioners:

**Subject: Item SJHA 1-- Approval of the Santa Clara County  
Housing Authority Fiscal Year 2027 Moving to Work Annual Plan**

I am writing today to express support for the Fiscal Year 2027 Moving to Work Annual Plan, which lays out the Santa Clara County and City of San Jose Housing Authorities' plan for the year beginning in July 2026.

Fostering Promise is a youth-driven advocacy organization committed to eradicating the foster-care-to-homelessness pipeline first in the San Francisco Bay Area, then throughout California. Our mission is to advance youth-led policy reform and build strategic cross-sector partnerships to ensure no young person ages out of care without a safe home, the support of a caring mentor, and the opportunity for a promising future.

Currently, many young people exit the foster care system without a plan and without a place to call home. San Jose has the highest rate of unhoused young adults (ages 18–24) in the nation (United Way & HUD, 2023). Locally, 18% of individuals experiencing homelessness report a history of foster care, a figure widely understood to be an undercount, while national research shows that 22–30% of youth aging out of care experience homelessness.

This problem is solvable if we focus on predictive prevention.

We are pleased that the MTW plan includes actions that lead to increased housing security for transition-aged youth (TAY)-- specifically the action to engage partners to explore best practices and potential new approaches to supporting transition-aged youth while improving utilization and leveraging existing resources. We are particularly interested in efforts to fully access and streamline the voucher approval process for TAY through the Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) voucher program and the potential for set asides for TAY in upcoming affordable housing projects.

We look forward to working together with the Housing Authority, the City of San Jose, and other partners to drive meaningful progress toward ending youth homelessness in Santa Clara County.

Thank you for your work in support of the City's residents.

Sincerely,



André Chapman  
President & CEO, Fostering Promise

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