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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Calder Lorenz, I live and work in the Mission District, and I am the Director of Operations for The Gubbio Project. I am writing to voice our strong opposition to reallocating approximately \$60M from the Prop C Housing fund that was allocated for transitional aged youth and families.

We urge you to vote NO on moving this funding over to primarily adult interventions such as housing, prevention and shelter, items the Mayor should have funded within the city's \$14 billion budget.

As members of the OCOH coalition, we fought hard to get Prop C passed. Voters trusted the framework of this ground breaking proposition and approved Prop C deliberately to set aside funding for families and youth because they are hidden populations that have been historically ignored.

The measure was also deliberately crafted to have a community oversight body to ensure the vision of Prop C was realized. They spend hours pouring over budgets, getting input from hundreds of unhouse people and front-line service providers to ensure just that. These last-minute plans did not go through OCOH (Prop C) Oversight Committee.

A vote to support changing the Prop C spending categories will directly increase family, youth and adult homelessness!

Our City's reliance on adding additional funding for public safety at the expense of proven public health interventions like housing support/housing stabilization for families is harmful, and we should instead invest in services that support more opportunities for our youth and parents, especially those experiencing homelessness, building up our communities in ways that keep us all safe instead of investing in more forms of incarceration and policing.

The Gubbio Project's mission is to be in community with and to provide a sacred space and sanctuary for unhoused people in need of safe, compassionate respite during the day. Our program is housed at St. John's in the Mission and currently provides critical services to 100 individuals daily through a highly unique and successful model that combines social justice, peer support, and harm reduction. The Gubbio Project calls for a more just, compassionate and non-punitive approach by public agencies and policymakers.

Please Vote NO to reallocating this vital funding for transitional aged youth and families!

In Community,

Calder

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Calder Lorenz (he/him), *Harm Reduction Saves Lives, I carry naloxone!*

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