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County to Explore Adding Temporary Housing for Homeless

The Board of Supervisors gave unanimous approval on Tuesday, December 16, to explore immediate solutions to provide more shelter and services for the more than 7,000 people who on any given night are homeless in Santa Clara County.

The proposal from Supervisors Dave Cortese and Cindy Chavez was part of a comprehensive report presented to the Board about the County's contributions to affordable housing, its role in the development of new affordable housing and the forging of partnership to unite cities and agencies in this effort.

Cortese and Chavez are asking administrators to research two approaches for providing transitional housing for homeless – building or buying pre-built micro-housing units or adding beds to existing shelters – and report back with a cost-benefit analysis. In several communities across the country, the small units are proving to be a wise investment and better alternative to homeless shelter beds.

“Comparing the cost effectiveness of both approaches will give us a better picture of which solution could help homeless residents move toward stability and self-sufficiency,” Cortese said.

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