

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:  
October 1, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance (DHA)

Subject: Report Back On Elimination Of The Volunteers Of America (VOA) Readiness Program

Supervisory  
District: All

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**BACKGROUND**

At the September 29, 2009 Budget Hearing, Supervisor Nottoli requested information about VOA's Readiness program.

**DISCUSSION**

Readiness is a transitional living program that serves 58 men and women. Residents typically come from the streets or shelters. Most residents have a history of chronic homelessness and/or multiple barriers to stable housing. The program has been in existence for nearly 20 years and is located in North Sacramento.

The program budget for the last several years has totaled \$603,199. Revenue sources include \$290,211 County General Fund and \$312,988 Tax Increment funds. The County General Funds support services and the Tax Increment funds support leasing. This program has never applied for HUD funding, and would not be eligible in the future, as new HUD funding has only been made available for permanent supportive housing programs, not transitional living programs.

A General Fund reduction of \$194,441 is recommended, which will leave a balance of \$95,770 for services through October 31, 2009. The leasing dollars will remain in place through the remaining term of VOA's property lease, which expires December 31, 2009. This will provide time for VOA to assist residents with alternate housing arrangements and negotiate future use of the Tax Increment funds with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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