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City of Richmond
900 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mayor Stoney and City Council President Nye:

Thank you for your recent letter. As Board of Supervisors Chair, I am confident that my fellow Board members share in my commitment to working together to tackle the complex challenges presented by homelessness locally and within the region. Addressing these challenges has been a focal point of my entire tenure of well over 16 years.

Chesterfield is committed to addressing all vital human-services challenges that affect our community and that of the region. We are grateful for being part of the formation of both Homeward and the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care, and our continued support of CARITAS. These, and other related organizations, have been active and engaged partners of our time, attention, and funding. Since your letter request, we have had renewed discussions on your letter with these organizations and are further working with them on strategies and roles for them to play with future briefings provided back to myself and fellow Board members.

We agree that these important partnerships support and enhance our collaborative work toward finding solutions as a region. Our most notable recent regional role involving Richmond and Henrico is our 100% allocation of the HOME-ARP funds toward a regional project of permanent supportive housing services.

As you may know, we have an annual competitive request process for General Fund and CDBG-HOME funding that starts in the fall and from detailed submissions of operating and capital expenditures to meet service needs, in-depth reviews are done to help prioritize requests that become part of discussions among Board members, community meetings and other steps toward a balanced FY25 budget, which was recently adopted. Through these processes, Chesterfield provides direct and indirect support to many local and regional homelessness organizations.

In addition, our internal homelessness service providers (primarily Schools, Social Services, Mental Health Support Services, Community Enhancement, and Sheriff's Office), provide recognized services to those throughout the region. With our partner organizations, this may be a good endeavor for all of us to know our

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homelessness citizens, or those at risk for homelessness, and their needs and the various nonprofit and local and school services so we all can coordinate a continuum of care and pathway to permanent housing.

We are committed to this regional effort and stand by to work with you or your nonprofit entities to best position your request to compete for funding as part of our next budget cycle, which in essence has already started. Our point of contact in helping frame this topic and our potential funding as well as the related collaborative information and intel sharing about all of our homelessness services will be Deputy County Administrator James Worsley, who can be reached directly at 804-748-1212 or worsleyj@chesterfield.gov.

My fellow board members and I look forward to continued collaboration that serves our communities and the many manners in which Chesterfield has played and will continue to play in Richmond's success. We welcome further discussion on the collective roles we play in best positioning the region to address the complex challenges of homelessness and recognize that our proactive manners in preventing homelessness are essential to quality of life.

In Service,



James M. "Jim" Holland
Board Chair, Dale District Supervisor

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