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Good afternoon:

Thank you for submitting public comments for these very important issues.

I support the Housing Trust Fund Strategy developed by the Social Services Commission and supported by a wide majority of the Housing Element committee members.

I learned recently that the draft Housing Trust Fund was submitted to the Housing Element Committee, and I urge the City Council to approve the draft Housing Trust Fund as part of the Housing Element of the Davis General Plan.

The draft Housing Trust Fund recommends an allocation process for programs to address the housing needs of three groups—the *unhoused*, *renters and buyers*—and identifies revenue sources for growing the funds available for these programs:

- *For the needs of the unhoused*, the draft Housing Trust Fund would focus on increasing emergency noncongregate shelter capacity; refurbishing existing structures/buildings for use as permanent supportive housing; and case management support for permanent supportive housing.
- *For the needs of renters*, the draft Housing Trust Fund would focus on rental assistance through vouchers; additional assistance for deposits, utilities, credit repair, and moving costs; and economic self-sufficiency educational programs.
- *For the needs of buyers*, the draft Housing Trust Fund would support the development of a single online hub/navigation center for information on available for sale or resale homes; down payment assistance; vouchers for Homebuyer Education; and silent note/loan for maintenance.

As the city of Davis reviews the Housing Element that is part of the Davis General Plan, it is imperative that Davis make substantial progress on housing. Inadequate housing leads to unemployment, illness, and other costs for individuals, families, and for the entire community.

Thank you –

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