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December 27, 2021

H. Spees
Director, Housing and Homeless Initiatives
Fresno City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Mr. Spees:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports entering into a lease agreement with the Poverello House to place pallet shelters for emergency housing in the airspace of State Route 41 near San Benito and H Streets provided that lease terms conform to Caltrans airspace lease requirements.

Caltrans has a history of partnership with the Poverello House and the City of Fresno. In 2021, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol collaborated with the City of Fresno and Poverello House through Project Off-Ramp to relocate individuals living on State right-of-way into emergency shelters and services. Through Project Off-Ramp, approximately 500 individuals experiencing homelessness on State right-of-way were relocated into shelters. Caltrans was then able to repair various State assets damaged by the encampments.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (559) 488-4057 or Jason Miao, Office Chief of Maintenance, at (559) 341-7990.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Diana Gomez'.

DIANA GOMEZ
Caltrans District 6 Director



**Poverello
House**

*Enriching the lives and spirits
of all who pass our way*

December 18, 2021

RE: Letter of Intent, City of Fresno Encampment Resolution Funding Program

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Poverello House, I am writing to extend my strong support and intent of collaboration with the City of Fresno and its partners. Poverello House provides services to those experiencing homelessness 365 days of the year. These services include three hot meals a day, emergency shelter, showers, laundry, a men's residential drug/alcohol rehabilitation program, transportation, case management, and mental health services.

Since 2015, Poverello House has partnered with the City of Fresno to provide outreach, emergency shelter, navigation services, and rapid rehousing to those experiencing homelessness. In January 2021, Poverello House collaborated with the City of Fresno and its partners through Project Off-Ramp to relocate 500 people living in dangerous freeway encampments.

Poverello House is committed to continuing our efforts with the City of Fresno. In collaboration with the City of Fresno, Caltrans, and California Highway Patrol, Poverello House will provide emergency shelter and navigation services for people living in the most dangerous encampments in downtown Fresno. Through collaborative partnerships, Poverello House will relocate 100 people experiencing homelessness who are living in encampments into Pallet shelters and navigate them to supportive services and into permanent housing.

If you wish to discuss Poverello House's support and collaboration with the City of Fresno and its partners, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 498-6988, extension 111.

Sincerely,

Zachary D. Darrah
Chief Executive Officer