To Whom It May Concern,

As a Persian Gulf era disabled woman Navy Veteran, I want to lend my most gracious support to HomeBase Treatment and Recovery's Crowslanding build out of over 100 buildings, sports and equestrian facilities and all that goes with it to serve our wounded warriors.

Of the nearly 3 million U.S. war veterans that suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, I am one of them. I endured extreme sexual harassment and abuse over the course of an oversees deployment and retaliation in the form of hard labor for months for trying to expose the behavior of our own ship's officers. The circumstances forced me, an E-5 Petty Officer who worked her way up from E-1 in record time due to hard work and academic studying, to request an early out just shy of 4 years of service with two shoulders in splints and emotional scaring that went on for many years after my exit. I spent nearly 2 decades living behind the secret, not ever identifying as a veteran or seeking compensation because of the horrible memories of what I and other young women endured on my ship without protections from our own leaders who knew what was taking place by other officers and kept quiet. Finally, at the age of 40, I attended a women veteran's conference where I learned that hundreds of other women experienced similar circumstances. Some of their cases were much more serious than mine and some led women into a dark life of drugs, alcohol, destructive relationships, and even homelessness.

I am thankful that women who depart the military today – and others who never before sought the help they needed, have a place to turn to for the treatment and support needed to overcome the emotional scaring from military abuses.

Sadly, the Veterans Administration hospitals are not equipped to treat patients with the problems stemming from PTSD. But fortunately, HomeBase Treatment can and will. I urge you to support the building and growth of HomeBase Treatment so that all troubled veterans in our region have a source of support that works. Thank you in advance for your support of HomeBase Treatment for our Veteran community.

Sincerely,

Corinna Pereira, MS 16185 W. Ashli Ave.

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November 6, 2018

County of Stanislaus Board of Supervisors 1010 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street, #6500 Modesto, California 95354

Subject: LETTER OF SUPPORT

**Dear Supervisors:** 

This letter is being written to show my support on behalf of Home Base Treatment and Recovery, Inc. (HBT). I would like to take a couple of minutes of your time to introduce myself and show you why I support HBT so strongly.

I worked in the Substance Abuse Disorders Compliance Division at the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, which subsequently merged with the Department of Health Care Services for over three decades. I had the enormous opportunity of monitoring treatment programs throughout our great State of California. Programs that provided treatment for Driving-under-the-influence, Methadone, and outpatient and/or residential treatment clients.

In my tenure with these units within the above referenced Departments, I was privy to treatment options/styles/modalities of every type. I have witnessed treatment failures at the highest levels. Clients entering treatment after years of substance abuse (and subsequent mental abuse for those suffering from dual-diagnosed issues) who never received the treatment that was necessary to assist them become "whole". I have monitored several thousand different types of treatment facilities over my tenure with the State of California. I believe this makes me uniquely qualified to speak on behalf of HBT.

HBT will tackle the underlying issues that our veterans and/or homeless face, each and every day. Using both tried and proven methods of treatment, but also constantly developing new ideas/solutions/methods that will benefit HBT clients both in the short and long-term. Enable them through the 5-month program to get their lives back-ontrack. Re-uniting families, strengthening our communities, and ultimately HONORING these incredible men and women who have given EVERYTHING to their country.

Stanislaus County has the most incredible opportunity to be at the forefront of the NEW way to treat our veterans and/or homeless. HBT will begin in Stanislaus County with a 7000-bed residential facility that will provide treatment at a level that I for one have never witnessed. Treating the whole person, with all their issues, be that substance abuse, mental health, or a combination of the two.

I wanted to wait until today (Election Day) to pen this letter of support, if only to make a point, that this is what our veterans have and continue to fight for – giving me the opportunity to go vote, amongst so many other freedoms.

I thank you for your time in reading my letter of support and urge you to seize this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Sydney M. Treat, IV (Retired Governmental Program Analyst)

November 6, 2018

Stanislaus County
Board of Supervisors
1010 10th Street #6500
Modesto, CA 95354
Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of the HomeBase Treatment, Inc. (HBT). As a taxpayer, voter and concerned citizen, I am aware of a significant increase in homelessness in Stanislaus County and the Central Valley Region.

Substance abuse, mental health and crime do not occur in a vacuum, and they are not slowing down or going away. It does not matter our neighborhood, our education, our cultural or economic backgrounds; these issues touch each one of us on several levels and in many cases, for generations. Data suggest that 5% or 16 million residents in the United States abuse drugs and alcohol. Substance abuse incarcerations account for 39% of those incarcerated. Many of our citizens that are suffering from addictions, mental health issues and homelessness are OUR veterans. VETERANS! It is our responsibility as citizens enjoying the hard won freedoms we live by every day, to create innovative, multi-pronged solutions and treatment options for veterans and their families.

The HomeBase Treatment plan offers a comprehensive and uniquely holistic rehabilitative solution that addresses many of the issues listed above. The HBT 7000-bed state-of-the-art residential facility will provide several treatment options that offer numerous pathways to the healing, wholeness and stabilization of individuals and families. HBT would bring with it the offer of approximately 4000 jobs, further stimulating our local economy. It is a win-win-win strategy.

I have lived in Stanislaus County since 1967. When I came here from Los Angeles, I lived in a clapboard house behind a junk yard, on what used to be known as, South 99 HWY, now called, 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Modesto. My first career was in Social Services at County Center III, in Stanislaus County; After 30 years, I retired. I went back to school and earned a Master's in Psychology. I am now a Registered Associate Marriage and Family Therapist. I am so proud to be part of the rich and diverse community that makes up Stanislaus County. I believe HomeBase Treatment, Inc. would be a jewel in our county and a visionary project, well worth our time and effort to embrace and to stand behind.

As a member of this incredible community, I am advocating for this extraordinary project and asking you to support this badly needed rehabilitation center, as well. Veterans have made many sacrifices in order to keep our country safe. They put their lives on the line so that you and I, our children and our children's children can be free. Can we support these badly needed services for veterans and make them a priority? Let this community be among the first to hold this vision high and make it a beautiful example of our thanks and our support of not only our veterans, but every single citizen in our community. I hope that you will get behind this project.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Sofia E. Pettygrove, M.S.

## 02 November 2018

To Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street Ste 6500 Modesto. Ca. 95354

Dear Members of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,

Please take this letter as a show of support and recommendation for Home Base Treatment and Recovery asking to be based in Stanislaus County.

As a retired construction superintendent and part time firefighter and EMT I have seen first hand the troubles our members of the United States Military are having with PTSD and with drug and or alcohol addiction. Most of the time PTSD is the root cause of addiction. And I have seen the difficulty they have getting into and receiving treatment

I believe as do many of my fellow firefighters and family members who are in Law Enforcement that our Veterans need help today not 6 months from now. That is the reason for my support for Home Base Treatment and Recovery. They will fill the void that our Veterans are fall through.

Many of our Veterans are homeless and unable to find employment as a result of PTSD and addiction. Home Base Treatment and Recovery will be there to help our Veterans find housing and teach them a trade so they will become employable with a set of skills.

Home Base Treatment and Recovery and it's employees will become a great asset to Stanislaus County for many years to come.

Thank you for your time.

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Date: November 6, 2018

To: Whom it may concern,

My name is Darren Cooke and am writing this letter in support of the Home Base Treatment Program (HBT). This program is seen as a way of the future. The program is designed to offer treatment to Veterans, Homeless citizens and others suffering from co-occurring disorders whom are unable to meet their primary needs. Which includes shelter, warmth, safety and/or security during this traumatic time in their lives. I have had the opportunity to work as a County Therapist for 9 years and am currently the Director of a Detox. Residential alcohol and addiction program which provides treatment to people who are suffering from co-occurring disorders. Based on my knowledge and experiences, many if not all people suffering from addiction and/or alcoholism have underlying Disorders, for example PTSD, Depression, Anxiety, Mania, ADHD and/or Oppositional Defiance Disorder just to name a few. A person cannot even begin to deal with these underlying disorders until their basic needs are met and their disease of addiction and/or alcoholism has begun to be in remission.

HBT can offer our citizens, veterans, friends and family members the support needed to meet their primary needs. So, that the healing process may begin. A program of this sort will provide Communities with a needed resource to help reduce their homeless and forensic population and provide the treatment needed to our fellow citizens. I strongly believe this program can also help reduce the recidivism rate of police contact, emergency hospital visits and other resources utilized for crisis situations when serving this population. In the past and present, I believe Local Municipalities, Counties and States have identified some of these individuals as Criminals and included them in the Forensic population which puts a financial strain on resources and the tax payers. HBT appears to have been able to identify multiple funding sources which, can reduce some of the financial burden imposed on taxpayers and local governments. By the identified population receiving the support and treatment needed these individual can be restored to their mental health baseline thus, allowing them to eventually again or for the first time, be productive citizens in our society. HBT appears to be a wraparound program, meaning it provides all the necessary resources to help individuals and families be successful during the recovery process. It is imperative that we all pull together to support HBT and their program to help provide these individuals and their families with the treatment and dignity they deserve. Once again, I do believe HBT's program is the way of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Cooke, M.A., AMFT Counseling Psychology / Director

I am writing in support of the HomeBase Treatment project in Stanislaus County. I teach elementary school in the county and have for nearly 30 years. During that timeframe, I have seen the number of children in my yearly classes who are directly and negatively affected by substance abuse in their households increase geometrically. The impact is far reaching and spans generations; if the necessary support and treatment are not obtained by adults in the household, the pattern repeats itself. I have witnessed it repeatedly.

There can be no resolution of the problem until proactive measures are supported and taken. I hope that the planning department has the foresight and dedication to local families to see this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

As a retired high school teacher who has lived in Stanislaus County for over 50 years, I cannot convey my support of the proposed HomeBase Treatment project strongly enough. I have witnessed first-hand the terrible impact substance abuse has caused on so many local families and the matter is truly reaching epidemic proportion.

If the HomeBase Treatment program helps even a handful of families, that is a start. And family by family the problem can be solved. The future of our families and our county depend on it.

Sincerely,

Pegina J. Negele Regina J. Negele

## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my whole-hearted support for the proposed Homebase Treatment facilities in western Stanislaus County. I believe the services provided by the facility are desperately needed and the direct, positive impact the development would have on thousands of local families cannot be ignored.

For too many years economic opportunity and meaningful job creation have simply excluded Stanislaus County. Its residents have been forced to endure continued high levels of employment and limited employment advancement. Both these factors have contributed to higher levels of poverty as well as increasing substance abuse issues and crime. Ironically, by striving to provide effective treatment and comprehensive employment counseling and training, Homebase Treatment will not only help reduce the ravages growing drug and alcohol dependency are creating but will help alleviate poverty and economic hardship well beyond those directly receiving care.

I believe there will be minimal if any adverse issues that arise from the Homebase Treatment facility. Increased traffic congestion should not occur and there should be little impact on agricultural activities so critical to the region.

Having worked in real estate investment and property development for decades, there are few proposed projects that I have viewed as favorably.

Sincerely

Lisa Negele