



# City Council

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Bob Engler  
Mayor

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Dr. Sevet Johnson, County CEO  
County of Ventura  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

RE: City of Thousand Oaks Navigation Center

Dear Dr. Johnson,

The City of Thousand Oaks has long had a cooperative partnership with the County of Ventura across a broad spectrum of issues. Most recently the City and County partnered to obtain \$27 million in Project Homekey funding to provide 77 units of permanent supportive housing in the City; one of the most influential projects to address homelessness in the City and East Ventura County's history. The County contributed an additional \$6.6 million in funding towards this project. Although this was a critical step in addressing homelessness, there is much more to be accomplished and the City knows that our continued partnership is key to achieving even greater progress.

Thousand Oaks City Council prioritized a commitment to addressing affordable housing and homelessness with our FY 2022-23 City Council Priorities. To further show our commitment, \$16 million in funding was budgeted to address affordable housing and homelessness. Although we have accomplished part of this priority with the success of Project Homekey and the City's purchase of a parcel for an affordable housing project, spending \$11.8 million thus far, we recognize the continued need for a Navigation Center in Thousand Oaks.

On behalf of the Thousand Oaks City Council, I am requesting the County of Ventura's financial and planning support in the City's goal of building and supporting the operation of a year-round Navigation Center in Thousand Oaks, and the only one in East Ventura County planned at this time. An interdisciplinary team of City staff, led by Assistant City Manager Ingrid Hardy, will actively participate with County staff to achieve this goal, as we value the expertise provided by County staff in this field.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Engler, Mayor