



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: December 2, 2014

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN: SUPPORTING A MEMORY CARE UNIT FOR CHULA VISTA VETERANS HOME (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

The Veterans Home of California in Chula Vista opened in May 2000 and is home to about 300 courageous men and women who have served our nation. Residents of the home have served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and have sacrificed greatly for the protection of our freedoms.

The home is located on a 25-acre campus overlooking the City of Chula Vista and provides a residential care facility and a skilled nursing unit. Unfortunately, the home does not have a secure unit for residents suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or memory loss.

Overall, the California Department of Veterans Affairs operates eight Veterans Homes throughout the state. Memory Care programs are provided at four of the homes, but not at the Chula Vista Veterans Home.

The Alzheimer's Association estimates that more than 5 million Americans are living with the disease and every 67 seconds, someone in the U.S. develops Alzheimer's. With Alzheimer's and dementia as a growing problem in America and with 60,000 people in San Diego County afflicted with Alzheimer's, it would be appropriate to establish a Memory Care Unit at the Chula Vista Veterans Home to further assist our veterans.

Approval of today's recommendations will direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter to the California Department of Veterans Affairs urging the creation of a Memory Care Unit at the Chula Vista Veterans Home and also add to the County's Legislative Program support for legislation or administrative action and funding for a Memory Care Unit at the Veterans Home of California in Chula Vista.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN JACOB AND SUPERVISOR COX

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter for the Chairwoman's signature to the California Department of Veterans Affairs expressing the County's support for the

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funding of a Memory Care Unit at the Veterans Home of California in Chula Vista.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

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Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

GREG COX
Supervisor, First District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Chairwoman Jacob and Supervisor Cox

OTHER CONCURRENCES(S): N/A

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