



Kimberly Gallo
Director, East and North Central Regions
County of San Diego
7056 Broadway
Lemon Grove, CA 91945

May 2, 2018

Dear Ms. Gallo,

PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) San Diego recognizes the significance of a partnership with the County of San Diego's *Live Well San Diego*. Aligned with the County's vision for a community that is building better health, living safely, and thriving, PATH San Diego is committed to the mission to end homelessness for individuals, families, and communities. We serve our neighbors in greatest need by delivering coordinated care that combines housing, medical and mental healthcare, and supportive services to promote immediate and long-term stability. Operating with the core value of housing as a basic human right, all of PATH San Diego's programs work in tandem to barriers to safe housing, wellness, stability, and economic opportunity—helping every San Diegan make it home.

Since 2013, our work to prevent and end homelessness in San Diego has been made possible only through collaboration with dedicated community partners, such as the County of San Diego. With the help of fellow San Diegans committed to making a difference in their community, PATH San Diego has ushered more than 850 people off the streets and into permanent housing.

Since 2013, PATH San Diego has helped stabilize our most vulnerable Veterans and neighbors experiencing chronic homelessness through the Department of Veterans Affairs' Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP). Our successful history of HVRP implementation has provided employment, housing, and supportive services to more than 100 Veterans each year, with over 90% of clients securing employment and obtaining permanent housing during enrollment.

In 2017, PATH San Diego was selected as one of two agencies contracted with the County of San Diego Health and Human Services to implement the Whole Person Wellness program. Through this initiative, we operate outreach teams in Central, South, and East County to engage high utilizers of healthcare systems who are experiencing homelessness and have a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, and/or a chronic health conditions. Through our proven outreach strategies coupled with intensive case management, we connect individuals with stable housing and supportive services that promote wellness, and reduce recidivism rates—resulting in fewer costly emergency medical visits.

Leveraging PATH San Diego's history of success and committed community partnerships, such as that with the County of San Diego, we will continue to empower San Diegans in greatest need as they advance wellness, achieve self-sufficiency, and rebuild their lives. These efforts reflect the values of *Live Well San Diego's* vision, and we look forward to a partnership that will collectively improve the quality of life, safety, and economic opportunity to help our neighbors in greatest need thrive.

Sincerely,

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Joel John Roberts
Chief Executive Officer, PATH

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Jonathan Castillo
Regional Director, PATH San Diego