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**Implementation of the  
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Here are my comments from tonight's meeting. Please call me if you have questions or feedback.

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January 21, 2025  
Item 13 PH25-001 Public Hearing

Implementation of the Hayward 2023-2031 Housing Element

I am in support of these revisions to the Housing Element and agree with the support letter sent by Firm Foundation Community Housing, especially on the importance of Expanded Housing Options. I would like to add that SRO units, in the

form of modified hotels, are critical to meet the growing numbers and needs of the diverse homeless population. The City must address this issue of **large-scale**, safe, dignified, and stable housing with wrap around services **urgently**. The numbers of homeless will be increasing as housing prices rise and new federal funding for solutions is uncertain (at least for the next 4 years). Sweeps are a waste of public resources, ineffective, and inhumane, especially when the city cannot offer long-term housing and services.

I encourage the city to move toward more partnerships and coalitions with other cities and the county, non-profits, and faith-based organizations throughout our city and Alameda County.

Apply cooperatively for funding with the added advantage of identifying hotel locations throughout the entire county.

In relation to outcomes and accountability, it would be helpful if the Staff could estimate the number of units and/or the number of homeless people that could probably be served on the total acres/parcels listed on Attachment 4 – Land Use Maps for each use – sort of like RHNA , except for housing the homeless population.

I appreciate all the work that council and staff have done, and yet, we know there is a long way to go to solve the housing crisis. Your work is literally saving lives!

Ro Aguilar  
Hayward resident