



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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California Department of Housing and Community Development
Multifamily Housing Program
2020 West El Camino Ave
Sacramento, CA 95833

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for a proposal from U.S. VETS for funding from the Multifamily Housing Program to help build a new facility for veteran housing in partnership with March Joint Powers Authority and Coachella Valley Housing Authority.

U.S. VETS has already done extensive work in my district and the greater Riverside County area. They have worked in the community at March Air Reserve Base, located in Riverside, California, through the operation of a transitional and permanent housing program that provides 133 beds for local veterans. Through this project, they have built relationships with the federal, state, and local community organizations and will be able to effectively expand their operation with the help of funding from the Multifamily Housing Program.

This new facility will provide housing to the most vulnerable in my district. At full occupancy, U.S. Vets will operate a 50-bed Veterans In Progress Program for male and female veterans as well as provide permanent subsidized housing for disabled veterans and apartments for families. Beyond filling a tremendous need in the area, the project will also create new jobs.

I want to express my strong support for this project and share your commitment to helping our veterans, preventing homelessness and providing safe transitional and permanent homes for those who have bravely served their country. Your full and fair consideration of this request with current laws, rules, regulations and agency policy will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano
Member of Congress