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## **RE: Project Roomkey Program Criteria Amendment**

To the County Board of Supervisors,

The Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce – from Goleta to Carpinteria, requests that the County of Santa Barbara change the criteria and eligibility requirements for Project Roomkey. The current criteria outlines that an individual must be over sixty-five years old to qualify for this program. We have a number of empty rooms available and we have a homeless population that does not match that prerequisite. In addition to reviewing the age restrictions, we urge the county to revisit all other prerequisites outlined in this program to make sure it is the most effective for our homeless population.

Sincerely,

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