



To: Office of Rich Desmond; Supervisor, Third District
Subject: Responses to shared questions

September 18, 2026

County Supervisor Desmond,

I am responding to your formal request, as a courtesy and on behalf of your constituents who will be residing at the Healing Home. For clarity, your office reached out with two (2) options for a follow-up and it was communicated to them that those options did not work for our schedule. The options that were offered to them as counters were rejected. We also requested that any future planning includes more lead time and inclusion in setting an agenda. If that is not possible, we understand and hopefully the dates your office chooses and sets align with our calendars. Your recounting of the September 8, 2026 text communication is correct.

As unfortunate as it is that I am not able to attend this gathering I would like to share more about the men who will be living at the Healing Home. It's important to know who they have become through their dedicated work in our program.

These men are not merely individuals who have participated in our program for a great deal of time: many are college graduates, having undertaken that endeavor while inside. Many hold AA degrees and several are now participating in bachelor programs.

As program participants, we sit with men who are palliative care providers. The California Medical Facility (CMF) at Vacaville (one of the prisons we provide program at) was the first prison in the nation with a hospice program. Not only is it the first, the program is staffed by the incarcerated individuals. There are licensed doctors and nurses that oversee the unit, but the men themselves who pass the screening and undergo the necessary training are the primary care providers.

We also sit with men who are trained peer mentors and substance abuse counselors. All skills obtained while inside. These men facilitate Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous (CGA) groups.

Some of these men work in the K9 rescue program. The program rescues animals from 'kill shelters' and matches them with humans who have been certified to rehab and train the dogs to ready them to



be adopted and/or to become service animals. They take care of the animals and are responsible for their care 24/7 over several months and sometimes for more than a year in preparation of them being certified as 'fit' to be housed.

I would also share that peer led community reentry homes in California show that participants are [significantly less likely to reoffend](#). According to a new report, incarcerated men who participate in community reentry programs are 34% less likely to reoffend than those who did not participate - ([CDCR August 20, 2025 report](#)). Additionally a [2021 University of Stanford study](#) showed that in California, men who participated in transitional housing programs were 92% less likely to be convicted of a crime within a year in comparison to those who did not participate in similar programs. Peer led reentry homes are not new to Sacramento. The region actually has some of the longest running peer-supported models in the state with Sacramento Recovery House Inc, dating back to 1964.

It was important to me to share the background on who we are, so you can understand the path these new neighbors have walked to get to our Healing Home - and the success rate we intend to continue achieving.

Here are my answers to your questions.

1. When are the Healing Homes expected to open and begin serving clients? - **Date TBD**
2. How many clients will be living at the Norris Avenue homes when they become operational? What is the maximum number of clients that may be housed at the properties? - **Total max number of clients across the two properties is eight (8). Four (4) per property.** Additionally, how many non-residential clients are expected to visit the properties to receive services or participate in programming? - **Zero (0)**
3. Is there a formal Code of Conduct for clients and/or a Good Neighbor Policy that will guide and limit the activities at the properties? If so, please provide a copy of the document. - **As shared previously - "Good Neighbor Policy" and included here for reference.**
4. Please describe any outreach that you or members of your team have conducted with residents living near the Norris Avenue properties since the August 10 meeting. - **We began by offering office hours on site, where I invited interested community members to come and speak with me personally about Healing Homes. We have continued to answer emails and share answers, such as**



those asked here, as well as giving more in depth insight into who will be living at the Home. There have also been Zoom meetings with neighbors who are interested in learning more and concerned about having their voices drowned out in more public forums.

5. What staffing and supervision will be provided at the homes once clients begin residing there, including during evenings and overnight hours?— **As shared previously-24 hour staffing.**

6. Who should neighbors contact if they have concerns or experience an issue related to the operation of the homes? Will there be a designated contact or process for addressing community concerns?— **Neighbors may reach out at: info@insidecircle.org—the nature of the communication will dictate who must respond.**

7. Are there any additional operational, programmatic, or property-related changes that have occurred since the August 10 meeting that the community should be made aware of?—**No**

8. How long is a client typically expected to reside at the Healing Homes?—**Six (6) months.** What's the process and anticipated timeline for a client entering the program, residing at the home, and transitioning out of the home.—**Process: Client application; vetting; if accepted-work with case manager on individualized integration plan; community reentry/physical program entry; residence; transition out. This is the process and the timeline is variable on an individual basis.**

9. Will there be security personnel on site at the Norris Avenue properties?—**This is a residence, a home and not a secure care facility housing people who are incarcerated. "Security personnel" are not part of the program.** If so, please describe the security coverage, including the hours security personnel will be present and whether coverage will be provided overnight and on weekends.

You are welcome for the attention to these questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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