



Dear Sonoma County Board of Supervisors,

The Sonoma County Lived Experience Advisory and Planning (LEAP) Board is outraged at the U.S. President's recent executive order, "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets", issued on July 24, 2025. The order contradicts Sonoma County's strategic plan, defunds harm reduction programs and criminalizes homelessness.

We respectfully urge you to adopt a resolution condemning this order and to reaffirm the County's dignity-driven homelessness solutions. We also ask that you allocate emergency funds to help offset federal cuts to Housing First, harm reduction programs and behavioral health services. Implementation of these suggested actions would be a humane response and significant demonstration of your support towards the values we share with our unsheltered neighbors.

Mental illness and drug addiction require medical intervention, not additional policing. There is no verbiage in the President's executive order which calls for more affordable housing or other related solutions to help abate the current housing crisis.

Many citizens have been adversely affected by the current administration's policies of intolerance and brutality, such as deploying the National Guard in Washington D.C. Why is this necessary when violent and property crimes are nationally low? Immigrants and the unsheltered community are particularly susceptible to the harassment inflicted by these policies.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter. We hope to attain your support in our advocacy.

Sincerely,

The Sonoma County Lived Experience Advisory and Planning Board