

## 04-20-2021 D.1 Recommended Budget

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Good Morning Contra Costa Board of Supervisors,

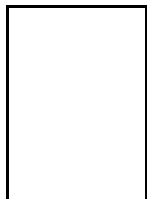
My name is Denny Khamphanthong and I'm a San Pablo Resident and community organizer with APEN. Throughout 2019-2020 I connected with close to 100 individuals and families in West Contra Costa County AAPI community to find out what their critical housing needs are. What I found was that most individuals and families we're struggling with cost of living before covid-19 devastated the community and took their jobs and financial security. While many were able to access emergency relief funds like unemployment many individuals and families are struggling to figure out what'll happen next once unemployment insurance and eviction moratoriums go away. Many families are afraid of being displaced from their homes once these protections are gone and want to know what the county will do to protect them and other families at risk of evictions and foreclosures.

During the meeting I saw how much money was going into sheltering unhoused individuals during this time and I can't help but feel like the county should put more investment into preventing displacement especially during this time when many individuals are at risk of becoming homeless themselves. Me and my members want the county to create a budget line item dedicated to a housing preservation pilot program and create a committee similar to the measure X advisory board so people can really engage in the pilot program. Many of the individuals I spoke with lost their homes in the 90s and 2000s recession and they've had to rebuild their lives every decade and it's time we do more to keep families from getting displaced, especially since we're getting a lot of emergency funds through ARPA.

With Respect,

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