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Public Comment Submission

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Agenda Item (Optional)	11A Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Placer County Code Chapter 12, Article 12.26, Entitled "Camping and Personal Property Storage on County Property and Public Areas"
Comments	TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Placer FROM: Rev. Clare C. Novak, Organization Team, and Laura M. Weeks, Advocacy Team, United for Action coalition PUBLIC COMMENT: March 22, 2022, Board Meeting RE: New Ordinance concerning Camping and Personal Property Storage on County Property and Public Areas

On behalf of the 100+ members of North Tahoe/Truckee's coalition of faith-based organizations, United for Action, I am writing to support the revisions proposed to the ordinance concerning camping on County property.

In our united work to relieve homelessness and housing insecurity in our region, we urge our leaders to consider our unhoused neighbors with compassion—not as problems, but as community members. "Camping by necessity" describes a desperate state on a continuum of housing pressure in our County. We appreciate your efforts to lift that pressure with comprehensive housing solutions that ensure health and stability for all.

For solutions to homelessness, we encourage you to address not only where our unhoused neighbors sleep, but where they live each day. We do need no-barrier shelters. Yet we also need well-funded daytime programs that offer these community members safe spaces to eat, wash, interact, access services—and build relationships with expert case managers who can empower positive changes. This approach operates successfully every day at North Tahoe/Truckee Homeless Services' Day Respite Center in Truckee. We applaud their life-transforming

work that helps campers become residents.

Thank you for recognizing that time and place restrictions on encampments will not lead to that kind of transformation. At every step, in every person's story, we must see the opportunities to reach out to the individual as whole, and collaborate with them for a holistic solution to their needs. We look forward to continued work with you in this effort in our County.

The United for Action coalition empowers North Tahoe/Truckee faith-based organizations and local activists to have deeper involvement and deeper impact in our community. We do this through advocacy, education, inclusion, and awareness of where and how to give time, volunteers, and donations. United for Action responds to basic community needs (like food, shelter, and clothing) and encourages community engagement, choosing a primary focus every year. For 2022, we continue to unite our efforts to address homelessness and housing insecurity in North Tahoe/Truckee.

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