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Hello, Thank you for reading the public comment at the virtual meeting tonight.

Kind regards,

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Dear Mayor Buckley and City Council Members,

People from Agoura Hills are struggling to pay rent, put food on the table, gas in the car, and educate their children all at the same time. **Community Conscience**, a non-profit, owns and operates the Human Services Center building in Thousand Oaks, CA where 13 human service non-profits are housed rent-free. At our building persons in need can access many free services in one location. Money the agencies save in rent, about \$300,000 annually, is used for their client programs. These agencies work as allies, referring clients to each other to provide comprehensive and coordinated services. Through our building's agencies, over 50,000 people per year receive support services including dental, legal, medical, homeless assistance, employment training, life skills and advocacy for disabled, fitness classes, bullying prevention, hospice care, grief support, domestic violence and human trafficking shelter, pregnancy, infant, youth, and senior support.

The Human Services Center has two stories and an elevator is needed to get clients to the second floor. The 32- year old elevator recently had serious mechanical failures, does not have a battery backup, and can trap people between floors during power outages. Eight of the agencies are on the 2nd floor. During high winds with red flag warnings the power frequently shuts off. A person experiencing life challenges does not need the added trauma of being trapped in an elevator. The elevator is in dire need of an upgrade which costs \$150,000.00!

Community Conscience is funded through donations, grants, and a signature annual Mardi Gras Ball fundraiser that had to be canceled for pandemic safety reasons. \$150,000 strikes a serious blow to our financial situation. We were able to get a loan, but need help to pay it back!

You can make a difference in the lives of thousands of people who are going through the toughest time in their lives, cannot navigate the stairs, and depend upon accessing services on the second floor of the Human Services Center.

Visit www.communityconscience.org to find our Go-Fund-Me campaign.

Thank you,

Robin Britt from Community Conscience