**Date:**

**To:** Alameda County Board Of Supervisor’s

Scott Haggerty, BOS District 1

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Wilma Chan, BOS District 3

Nate Miley, BOS District 4

Keith Carson, BOS District 5

**CC:** Alex Briscoe, Health Care Services Agency Director

Manuel Jimenez, Behavioral Health Care Services Director

Toni Tullys, Behavioral Health Care Services Deputy Director

**From:** A Concerned Alameda County Voter

**RE:** BOS charge to consider more compassionate alternatives to AB1421

**Dear Board of Supervisors;**

Through the stakeholder process the consumer community agreed on a compromise to support a community conservatorship program. This was our way of working together with family members to come to a solution and meet the BOS request in response to AB 1421.

I remain opposed to AB 1421 because **it is stigmatizing:** Arguments in favor of AB 1421 are exploiting and perpetuating the most negative, demeaning and inaccurate stereotypes of people with mental health conditions. To one extreme, we are painted as violent and out-of-control, and so once again fear is being used to promote repressive measures. On the other hand, we are portrayed as totally incapable of making our own decisions and so must be unworthy of the rights others enjoy and our choices must be unworthy of respect. Our humanity has been taken from us if all we can be is either violent or victim.

I am okay with community conservatorship and opposed to AB 1421.

Sincerely,

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