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**For public comment for April 30 meeting.**

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Please include this email for the public comment for items not on the agenda for the April 30 meeting.

If you will remember the last time I spoke to you in March I asked for your consideration of support for the local veteran community by providing funds to help Monterey County provide a new ombudsman position in the County Military and Veterans Affairs Office.

Mayor Oglesby suggested that you provide support in an amount of approximately \$100,000 to fund this new position for one year. During discussion of the item Supervisor Mary Adams requested an amount of approximately \$500,000 to fund that position for 5 years.

Mr. Jason Cameron, the current County Military and Veteran Affairs Officer has submitted a request asking for approximately \$300,000 to fund the position for 3 years.

All three of these requests indicate that there is support for providing assistance to smoothly transition the support for the veteran community from FORA to Monterey County. The discussion seems to be about amount. Given the current economic situation, I believe that the compromise position offered by Mr. Cameron would make logical sense. When this question comes before you for decision it will be FORA's last opportunity to help the community who provided the venue for FORA to exist and to provide the regional capacity for Ft. Ord's reuse. This would seem to be a most worthy opportunity for FORA's Board to do something to provide assistance with gaining and protecting services for the county's veterans while demonstrating support to the veterans residing in their municipalities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sid Williams  
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