



June 5, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Holly Mitchell
Chair, Sen. Committee on Budget
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State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assemblymember Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Committee on Budget
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Budget Request for Homelessness

Dear Governor Newsom, Pro Tem Atkins, Speaker Rendon, and Chairs Mitchell and Ting:

In these times of budget uncertainty, we applaud the commitment of the Administration and Legislature to maintaining investments in solving California's homelessness crisis. As you begin final negotiations, our coalition of cities, counties, and housing and homelessness advocates urges you to adopt the following recommendations:

- We support the Administration's proposal to allocate \$600 million in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds to cities and counties for homelessness interventions. We urge you to maintain that level of investment and

include a broad scope of assets and eligible uses for that funding: In addition to motels and hotels, acquisition and/or rehabilitation of apartments/homes, adult residential facilities, manufactured housing, and land, as well as buying down debt on affordable housing projects to set-aside units for people experiencing homelessness, leases of vacant apartments or homes, and funds for operating facilities acquired with this funding as interim housing.

- We support the Legislature's proposal to include \$350 million in state General Funds to local governments and urge you to retain this level of funding in the final budget.
- To ensure projects are feasible to operate, we urge you to dedicate \$90 million for three years of operating subsidies for projects developed using the one-time investment in Coronavirus Relief Funds. We support setting aside \$45 million from the one-time allocation of General Funds for these purposes, to be matched by \$45 million in philanthropic commitments the Administration has already received.
- We support the Administration's trailer bill language to exempt projects funded from these programs from CEQA and local zoning and permitting processes. We urge you to broaden this language to encompass all projects, including interim housing projects, to ensure that Coronavirus Relief Funds are expended by federal deadlines.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Barger
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors



Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles



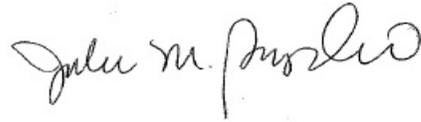
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