



# HOUSING CALIFORNIA

## **Statement on Governor Newsom's veto of AB 1845**

*The following statement can be attributed to Christopher Martin, Policy Director:*

***"California needs a state homelessness secretary. We need statewide leadership committed to solving the issue, not just managing it. Those aren't our words, but Gov. Newsom's own call to action from the campaign trail. Unfortunately, by vetoing AB 1845, he chose to pass on making it a reality.***

*"Housing California is truly disappointed by the veto of this carefully crafted proposal to address the well-being and survival of Californians struggling the most to find a safe, affordable home. AB 1845 received bipartisan support in the Legislature, aligned with recommendations from the Governor's Council of Regional Homeless Advisors, the Legislative Analyst's Office, and the California State Auditor, and was supported by a diverse array of advocates, community-based organizations, and local elected officials. AB 1845 would also have increased the efficiency of California's homelessness efforts without increased staffing or significant programmatic expenses. Housing California is deeply grateful to Assemblymembers Luz Rivas, David Chiu, and their colleagues in both houses for their unrelenting commitment to best serve the needs of struggling Californians.*

*"There are some rays of sun in this year's legislative session, such as SB 1079 and AB 434. But as we said over the summer and repeat today, unfortunately, most of the legislation put forward by the Legislature and signed by the governor does not address those who are struggling the most to afford a home. Therefore, history tells us, these measures are unlikely to meet the mandate with which Californians have charged its leaders--ending homelessness.*

*"We renew our cause and conviction as we look towards 2021 as a year of reset and renewal. The solutions to homelessness lie in a comprehensive framework of bold, evidence-based measures, coupled with a coordinated response, and Housing California is proud to co-lead, along with California Housing Partnership, the [Roadmap HOME](#) to identify and then win these measures. We're looking forward to unveiling the [Roadmap HOME](#) in the coming months, and continue our commitment to working together with the Legislature, the administration, and stakeholders statewide to build a California with homes for all."*

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