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Support for Senate Bill 751 (Rubio) San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust

Senator Susan Rubio introduced Senate Bill 751 (SB 751) on February 22, 2019 to authorize the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, a joint powers authority, by member cities of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. SB 751 would authorize this regional housing trust to receive public and private financing for the stated purpose of funding the planning and construction of housing, including affordable housing and permanent supportive housing, to assist the homeless population and persons and families of extremely low, very low, and low income within the San Gabriel Valley.

Furthermore, SB 751 would ensure that this funding is used responsibly to address the homelessness crisis by requiring the regional housing trust to incorporate annual financial reporting and auditing requirements that show how the funds further the purpose of the regional housing trust.

The number of people experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley has continued to increase. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's 2018 Point-In-Time

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Count for the San Gabriel Valley found that the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness grew to 2,790 — a 19% increase from the 2017 point-in-time count. This is in addition to a 29% increase in the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley between 2016 and 2017.

Through the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, the County has worked closely with the cities to support and align with their efforts to combat and prevent homelessness. San Gabriel Valley cities were particularly well represented among cities that received funding from the County to develop city homelessness plans in 2018; of the 43 cities that participated, 19 were from the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, many submitted proposals in response to the United Way Home for Good Funders Collaborative's recent request for proposals for Measure H funding to support implementation of the city plans.

SB 751 will enable the region to build on its commitment to addressing the homelessness crisis, in collaboration with the County and other regional partners.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Office of Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations to support SB 751 (Rubio), which would authorize the creation of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust to fund housing for low income and homeless residents in the San Gabriel Valley.

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