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SUPPORT FOR CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (CSAC) “AT HOME” PLAN

Homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California. The undertow of massive economic and systemic inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions made by well-intentioned policies and programs built over decades, continues to stymie efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused.

Across the state, the current approach to addressing homelessness is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability, and sustainability. To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused and housing insecure, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers a first-of-its kind comprehensive approach to address homelessness known as the “AT HOME” plan.

The AT HOME plan includes six pillars which stand for Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation, and Economic Opportunity. This plan includes broad goals and specific policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of government and improve the way California collectively responds to those who are experiencing homelessness. AT HOME elevates homelessness as an important shared California priority, similar to how other levels of government services are prioritized. California’s counties are at the frontlines of crucial safety net programs and combating the homelessness crisis.

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In Los Angeles County, more than 69,000 individuals are currently unhoused, and critically 2,000 of those unhoused individuals die each year. On January 10, 2023, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a motion to declare a local emergency for homelessness, which allows the County to take necessary steps for the protection of life, health, and safety of people experiencing homelessness in the County of Los Angeles.

CSAC's AT HOME plan aims to establish clear responsibilities for all levels of government and reflects the County's goals for combatting the homelessness crisis.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to support the California State Association of Counties' AT HOME plan and authorize the County's Sacramento advocates to take appropriate legislative advocacy actions to advance this effort.

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