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CALIFORNIA STATE
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

The Honorable Jim Cooper
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4
On State Administration
State Capitol, Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95814



URBAN COUNTIES OF
CALIFORNIA

Re: May Revision Proposal to Support the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Cooper:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and the County Health Executive Association of California (CHEAC) we write to express our SUPPORT for the Governor's May Revision proposal to earmark State General Fund to fund coordination on homelessness at the state level.



COUNTY BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH DIRECTORS
ASSOCIATION

Senator Holly Mitchell sponsored SB 1380 in 2016 to create the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council. She recognized the crisis affecting many local communities, and sought to create the Council to improve coordination on homeless issues at the state level. As the state's homeless count has increased – up to more than 134,000 people on any given night – Governor Brown has come to also recognize the need for state coordination. To that end, he has proposed to use \$500,000 in State General Fund in 2018-19 to make the Council operational, and also to move responsibility for the Council to the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency. Under the Governor's proposal, the Council will begin its statutory task of developing a statewide homelessness plan as well as play a role in the distribution of homeless emergency assistance funding to local governments. On the latter task, counties are supportive to the extent that the Council's role enhances the ability of our members to meet complex federal reporting and administrative requirements and, most importantly, if it helps expedite the distribution of funding to counties, especially smaller non-entitlement counties.



COUNTY WELFARE
DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION



COUNTY HEALTH
EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATION OF
CALIFORNIA

Counties are struggling to meet the needs of those who are homeless in our communities, and welcome the Governor's commitment to statewide assistance, planning, and coordination. It is for these reasons that CSAC is pleased to support the Governor's May Revision proposal to fund the Homelessness Coordinating and Financing Council and move it to the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.



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