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Dear Members of the California Interagency Council on Homelessness:

As you may know, Governor's Newsom recently announced his Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget, the California Blueprint. This plan builds upon the historic investments from the 2021 Budget Act, which included \$12 billion over two years to address homelessness. The 2021 Budget Act supported local communities in their efforts to address homelessness through the expansion of Homekey, the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, and the Community Care Expansion Program to create new units and treatment beds, among other investments.

The proposed budget continues to support investments into homelessness and housing with an additional \$2 billion over the next two years to house populations with complex behavioral health conditions and people living in encampments. The funding from the 2021 Budget Act will provide a total of \$8 billion in homelessness resources for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 22-23).

The proposed budget supports several member departments of the newly relaunched California Interagency Council on Homelessness in their comprehensive efforts to prevent and end homelessness in California. Highlights from the proposed budget are below.

Proposed Budget Allocations for Homelessness and Housing for FY 22-23

California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

- \$500 million in one-time dollars to substantially expand the Encampment Resolution Grants program for jurisdictions to invest in rehousing strategies for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness across the state. This builds on the \$50 million allocated in FY 21-22 for the program.

Existing FY 22-23 allocations from the 2021 Budget Act:

- \$600,000 for the Homelessness Landscape Assessment
- \$1 billion for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

- \$10.6 million annually for three years to continue the Returning Home Well Program, which provides transitional housing services to individuals who might otherwise become homeless upon their release.

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

- \$1 billion in FY 22-23 and \$500 million in FY 23-24 for Behavioral Health Bridge Housing. Funds can be used to address immediate housing and treatment needs, and to provide time-limited operational supports in bridge housing settings, including existing assisted living settings.
- \$108 million total funds and trailer bill language, to add qualifying 24 hours a day, 7 days a week community-based mobile crisis intervention services, as soon as January 1, 2023, as a mandatory Medi-Cal benefit available to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries, statewide. The benefit will be implemented through county behavioral health delivery systems by multidisciplinary mobile crisis teams in the community. Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, this benefit qualifies for 85 percent federal funding.
- \$287.2 million for the Community Based Residential Continuum Pilots for vulnerable, aging, and disabled populations, including people experiencing homelessness.
- \$644.2 million for the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program.
- The Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness allocation is estimated to be \$8.8 million and will be appropriated in the California 2022 Budget Act (State Fiscal Year 2022-23).

Existing FY 22-23 allocations from the 2021 Budget Act:

- \$1.7 billion for the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

The proposed budget allows for the development of affordable housing projects that aid people at risk of or experiencing homelessness including:

- \$400 million for the No Place Like Home Program
- \$75 million for the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program

Existing FY 22-23 allocations from the 2021 Budget Act:

- \$1.3 billion for continued Homekey acquisitions
- \$43 million for federally funded programs for homelessness, such as the Emergency Solutions Grant
- \$5 million for Foster Youth Housing Navigators
- \$17 million for the Transitional Housing Program

California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)

The proposed budget allows investments to provide support to individuals found incompetent to stand trial. The Governor has proposed \$93 million in FY 21-22 and \$571 million ongoing to support both early stabilization and community care coordination

and the expansion of diversion and community-based restoration capacity for those who are found incompetent to stand trial.

Other proposed allocations to aid people experiencing homelessness include:

- \$78.4 million for Community-Based Restorations to provide supportive services to vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness

Existing FY 22-23 allocations from the 2021 Budget Act:

- \$88.5 million for acute bed capacity expansion

Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

Existing FY 22-23 allocations from the 2021 Budget Act:

- \$1 million for various homeless youth programs
- \$600,000 for the Youth Emergency Telephone Network

California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Proposed appropriations in the FY 22-23 Governor's Budget (in addition to funding appropriated in 2021 Budget Act), with funding available over multiple years:

- \$190 million for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program*
- \$150 million for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program*
- \$92.5 million for the Bringing Families Home Program
- \$92.5 million for the Home Safe Program

Funding available over multiple years, including FY 22-23, from the 2021 Budget Act:

- \$805 million for the [Community Care Expansion Program](#)
- \$190 million for [CalWORKs Housing Support Program*](#)
- \$150 million for [Housing and Disability Advocacy Program*](#)
- \$92.5 million for the [Bringing Families Home Program](#)
- \$92.5 million for the [Home Safe Program](#)

*Additional annual, ongoing appropriations:

- \$95 million for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program
- \$25 million for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (requires local dollar-for-dollar match)

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Existing FY 22-23 allocations from the 2021 Budget Act:

- \$2.7 million for Encampment Relocation Coordinators and Homeless Services Liaisons
- \$25 million for Clean California
- \$20.6 million for Hazardous Material Removal at Encampments

Higher Education (CCCs, CSUs, and UCs)

Existing FY 22-23 allocations from the 2021 Budget Act:

California Community Colleges (CCC)

- \$30 million for California Community Colleges Basic Needs Center Funding
- \$9 million for California Community Colleges Student Rapid Rehousing Program

California State University (CSU)

- \$15 million for California State University Basic Needs Funding
- \$6.5 million for California State University Student Rapid Rehousing

University of the California (UC)

- \$15 million for University of California Basic Needs Funding
- \$3.5 million for University of California Student Rapid Rehousing

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness encourages collaboration between all partners and will continue to coordinate across state government as these investments are implemented. We look forward to a final budget that will bolster the ongoing efforts of departments and local communities to prevent and end homelessness in California. A full summary of the Governor's 2022-2023 budget is available online at ebudget.ca.gov.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Lo', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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