



State of California  
**BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY**



# **California Interagency Council on Homelessness**

## **Advisory Committee Meeting**

May 6, 2026

# Agenda

- I. Call to Order, Tribal Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call
- II. Consent Calendar
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# I. Call to Order, Tribal Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call

# Tribal Land Acknowledgement

We wish to acknowledge that Sacramento is the unceded homeland of the Southern Maidu, Valley and Plains Miwok, the Nisenan people, the Patwin Wintun people, and members of the Wilton Rancheria Tribe, who have inhabited this landscape since time immemorial.

We extend our gratitude to the ancestors of all California Native American Tribes and their descendants, as we recognize that wherever we are joining from in our virtual community, we are all on California Native American land.

# Committee Member Roll Call

- Please say "here" or "present"

## II. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summaries from the February 4th, 2026, November 5, 2025, and August 6, 2025, Advisory Committee Meetings.

# Public Comment, Agenda Item II

## Consent Calendar

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# III. Advisory Committee Co-Chair Opening Comments

# IV. Executive Officer Updates

# V. FY 2026-2027 Months of Awareness

# Proposed Adoption of Months of Awareness Framework FY 2026-2027

Purpose: To align public awareness efforts with California homelessness data, elevating education, disparities and solutions impacting communities across the state.

# Proposed Adoption of Months of Awareness Framework FY 2026-2027

## Why this Matters

- Connects homelessness data to community experiences and disparities
- Supports culturally responsive public education and engagement
- Creates opportunities to elevate our collective works

## How Cal ICH will Incorporate Observances

- Align communications and social media with observances
- Highlight CA data, lived expertise and promising practices
- Tag members of our Council, Advisory Committee and Lived Experience Advisory Board

# Proposed Adoption of Months of Awareness Framework FY 2026-2027

- The observance calendar will:
  - Serve as a planning and engagement framework rather than mandatory programming requirement
  - Be reviewed annually and updated as needed
  - Prioritize observances that intersect with homelessness, housing, behavioral health, equity, and community wellness

<b>Month</b>	<b>Observance</b>	<b>Why it Fits</b>
July	Disability Pride Month	Strong intersection between homelessness, disability, SSI/SSDI access, behavioral health, and aging populations
August	Back to School Month	Differences in definitions and the impact to conversations regarding youth and families with school-aged children experiences of homelessness
August	Overdose Awareness Day (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Connects to substance use, harm reduction, outreach, and recovery housing
September	National Recovery Month	Aligns with behavioral health, recovery housing, CARE Court, and treatment partnerships
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Critical homelessness prevention and housing stability connection
October	World Homeless Day (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Highlighting the experiences of homelessness broadly

<b>Month</b>	<b>Observance</b>	<b>Why it Fits</b>
November	Native American Heritage Month	Supports tribal homelessness initiatives and No Native Homeless on Native Homelands messaging
November	Homeless Youth Awareness Month	Opportunity to elevate youth homelessness prevention and transition-age youth systems
December	Winter Safety and Shelter Awareness Month	Opportunity to elevate winter shelter programs, emergency response coordination, severe weather planning and efforts to bring Californians inside for the winter
January	Poverty in America Awareness Month	Strong opportunity to frame homelessness prevention and economic instability
February	Black History Month	Opportunity to discuss racial disparities and culturally responsive solutions

<b>Month</b>	<b>Observance</b>	<b>Why it Fits</b>
March	Women's History Month	Opportunity to discuss women, caregiving, DV survivors, and aging women experiencing homelessness
April	Child Abuse Prevention Month	Strong prevention framing and family stabilization opportunity
April	Public Health Week (6-12 <sup>th</sup> )	Strong connection between homelessness and prevention/intervention methodologies
May	Mental Health Awareness Month	One of the strongest alignment opportunities across agencies
May	Asian American and Pacific Islander Awareness Month	Supports culturally responsive outreach and visibility
June	Pride Month	Strong alignment with LGBTQ+ homelessness disparities and youth prevention efforts
June	Elder Abuse Awareness Month	Connects to aging populations, exploitation, and homelessness risk among seniors

# Public Comment

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# Action Requested

- Adopt Months of Awareness Framework

# VI. Proposed State Legislation

- **NOTE:** This item is intended to provide informational updates on pending homelessness-related legislation. References to advocacy resources, policy materials, positions of Advisory Committee members and/or external organizations on proposed legislation are the personal/professional views of the individual Advisory Committee member or their organization. Any positions or views discussed does not imply endorsement by Cal ICH.

# AB 1556 (Haney)

## Status: Assembly Appropriations 5.6.26

**Summary:** This bill seeks to clarify the standards that recovery residences must meet for local jurisdictions to use state funds to support them, including requirements around Housing First alignment.

### Key actions:

- Defines "recovery residence" as one that serves individuals experiencing, or who are at risk of experiencing, homelessness and who choose a drug-free environment that:
  - Emphasizes abstinence
  - Includes a "return-to-use" policy that describes behaviors that may lead to eviction or discharge
  - Prohibits eviction or discharge *unless* both of the following conditions are met:
    - The resident rejects a "warm handoff" to other permanent housing
    - If the resident rejects the warm handoff, they are offered one "warm handoff" to shelter

### Potential opportunities (this bill could):

- Increase supply of recovery housing placements in a community
- Identify gaps in housing and substance use treatments options

### Potential risks (this bill could):

- Create an exemption in eviction standards for state funded recovery housing
- Risk evictions or program exits for vulnerable populations (e.g. persons with disabilities)

# AB 1708 (Solache)

## Status: Assembly Appropriations 5.6.26

**Summary:** This bill seeks to require current recipients of HHAP to include smaller jurisdictions (cities with a population under 300,000) in their regional planning and allocate a portion of their funding to those smaller jurisdictions, beginning with Round 8 of the program.

### Key actions:

- Requires Round 8 plans to include programs and interventions provided by smaller jurisdictions and an analysis of how funding can be allocated to support those programs
- Requires funding be made available to smaller jurisdictions through an application process
  - To be eligible, small jurisdictions must:
    - Have a compliant housing element
    - Adopt a local encampment policy consistent with state guidance

### Potential opportunities (this bill could):

- Result in an “all of government” coordination that is not currently consistent across the state

### Potential risks (this bill could):

- Increase the administrative burden by creating additional processes, potentially reducing economies of scale and impacting outcomes
- Create additional demands for administrative oversight (e.g. contract management) and technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions with less capacity

# AB 1899 (Caloza)

Status: Assembly Appropriations TBD

**Summary:** This bill seeks to establish an Office of Youth Homelessness Prevention within the California Interagency Council on Homelessness and to create a statewide coordinating entity to achieve functional zero.

## Key actions:

- Requires development of a statewide framework with measurable goals and implementation strategies
- Requires creation of a public dashboard and annual progress reporting on youth homelessness outcomes
- Establishes an advisory committee that includes youth with lived experience of homelessness

## Potential opportunities (this bill could):

- Strengthen statewide coordination and accountability related to homelessness prevention (broadly and specific to youth)
- Increase inclusion of youth with lived experience in policy and planning efforts

## Potential risks (this bill could):

- Create implementation complexity and duplication of efforts across multiple youth-focused initiatives
- Require sustained funding, staffing, and local capacity to achieve long-term goals

# AB 1924 (Gabriel)

## Status: Assembly Appropriations 5.6.26

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and publicly issue a statewide homelessness prevention strategy, including a homelessness prevention action plan for certain state agencies and evidence-based model homeless prevention practices.

### Key actions:

- Develop and publicly release a statewide prevention strategy and update it annually. Requires the strategy to include:
  - Statewide goals and performance metrics
  - Accountability measures and evaluation plans
  - Inventory of existing resources and identification of additional needs
- Requires specific agencies and departments to identify an inventory of each prevention activity, identify gaps in current efforts, and create specific homelessness prevention action plans with timelines
- Requires development of data-driven approaches to identify individuals and households most at-risk of homelessness
- Ongoing evaluation and reporting

### Potential opportunities (this bill could):

- Strengthen accountability and coordination cross state departments and agencies
- Advance prevention focused approach

### Potential risks (this bill could):

- Overlap with existing statewide efforts (e.g. Three-Year Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness)
- Result in inconsistent implementation because no enforcement mechanism identified

# AB 2351 (Bonta)

## Status: Assembly Appropriations 5.6.26

**Summary:** This bill would require local jurisdictions to report detailed information on shelter beds and permanent housing in their annual progress report (APR).

### Key actions:

- Requires cities and counties to include the number of shelter beds and permanent housing units in their annual progress report. Integrates reporting into the existing annual reporting framework required under Planning and Zoning Law.
- Requires reporting of shelter beds across categories:
  - Non-congregate
  - Transitional
- Requires reporting of permanent housing across categories
  - PSH
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - Other Permanent Housing

### Potential opportunities (this bill could):

- Improve visibility into shelter capacity statewide
- Support local and regional planning by assessing gaps in shelter and permanent housing availability.

### Potential risks (this bill could):

- Increase administrative burden for CoCs when individual cities seek city-level data
- Create inconsistency between federal shelter definition and state (state only includes non-congregate)

# SB 866 (Blakespear)

Status: Senate Appropriations 5.11.26

**Summary:** This bill would require local housing elements to more explicitly assess and plan for the needs of unhoused populations, including unsheltered and chronically homeless individuals.

**Key actions:**

- Expands housing element requirements related to unhoused populations
- Requires assessment of local unsheltered and chronic homeless needs
- Encourages identification of housing strategies and resources to address homelessness
- Further integrates homelessness planning into local land use and housing processes

**Potential opportunities (this bill could):**

- Strengthen alignment between housing planning and homelessness funding
- Improve local accountability and visibility into housing needs for unhoused populations

**Potential risks (this bill could):**

- Increase administrative burden for CoCs/counties/cities
- Could create misalignment between planning requirements and available resources or funding and duplication of existing homelessness planning and reporting requirements

# AB 1606 (Nguyen)

Status: Assembly Appropriations TBD

**Summary:** This bill would allow taxpayers who own or lease a commercial property affected by unauthorized encampments, illegal dumping, or abandoned property to claim a 30% tax credit on cleanup expenses.

## Key actions:

- Establishes a maximum credit of \$20,000 per taxable year for eligible taxpayers.
- Defines “an unauthorized encampment” as temporary shelter or campsite located on private property without the consent of the property owner.
- Defines “qualified cleanup expenses” as costs related to **one-time** removal of unauthorized encampments, illegal dumping, etc...costs cannot include security or costs that are reimbursed through other sources.

## Potential opportunities (this bill could):

- Reduce cleanup costs for property owners

## Potential risks (this bill could):

- Incentivize policy that is more focused on encampment removal than re-housing, per Cicero Institute 2025 brief.
- Divert funding from evidence-based solutions like housing and services.
- Incentivize charged interactions between property owners and unhoused owners of personal property.

# Discussion

- Only members/official designees of the Advisory Committee may participate in the discussion

# VII. General Public Comment

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# VIII. Final Remarks and Adjournment

- Next Council meeting: June 3, 2026 at 1:00 pm
- Next Advisory Committee meeting: August 5, 2026 at 2:00pm

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