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Gavin Newsom, Governor
Tomiquia Moss, Secretary

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Yesterday, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-1-24, mandating state agencies to move with urgency and compassion to adopt clear policies for addressing homeless encampments on state property, and encouraging local governments to adopt policies that emulate the state's approach. Under the Governor's leadership, the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency is striving for a California where homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. The order affirms the importance of trauma-informed, person-centered approaches, prioritizing shelter and services as the first step in resolving encampments with respect for the dignity and fundamental human needs of all Californians. As a state, our values call for us to lead with support and help to those experiencing homelessness, rather than simply criminalizing them and hoping for the best. The California Interagency Council on Homelessness is providing [initial guidance](#) and will be offering technical assistance and more detailed policy guidance to local jurisdictions on best practices for managing encampments in the coming weeks.

We remain committed to partnering with federal, state, and local counterparts to eradicate and prevent homelessness in California. In communities up and down our state, we are already seeing the impact of the \$1 billion in [Encampment Resolution Funding Grants](#) that support local jurisdictions in providing compassionate and dignified services and supports to people experiencing homelessness in encampments that result in meaningful paths to safe and stable housing.

Governor Newsom has laid out a clear and ambitious strategy to holistically address the housing and homelessness crisis. The Governor has pioneered nation-leading homeless and housing reforms and invested more than \$24 billion to address this crisis with state and local support, to help communities create [additional access to housing](#), provide [wrap-around supports](#) and [shelter](#) for those experiencing homelessness, and

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[expand local behavioral health care](#). BCSH will continue to deepen and strengthen this partnership with local communities so that we can all live in a California where homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. Read Governor Newsom's full statement and press release [here](#).