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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
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June 6, 2024

**RE: Urgent need to support Legislature's budget proposal to restore affordable housing and homelessness funding**

The affordable housing and homelessness crises continue to top surveys as the most urgent issues facing the state. For us, the undersigned state leaders working across philanthropy, business, community and faith-based institutions, local government, affordable housing, homelessness, and more, these polls match what we see and feel in our communities each day. Far too many of our neighbors, our friends, and our families are being forced into homelessness due to a lack of an affordable home. These crises are holding our state back from being the inclusive, equitable, and prosperous state that we all want for California.

We greatly appreciate your proposal to restore the \$500 million for the state Low Income Housing Tax Credit program in the May Revise. However, at a time when the state continues to face a shortfall of at least 1.2 million homes affordable to lower-income households and tens of thousands of Californians are experiencing homelessness, we are deeply concerned by the May Revision's proposal to zero-out all other General Fund resources for affordable housing and homelessness in this budget year and claw back \$1.96 billion in critical resources committed in previous budgets. Our state cannot afford, nor can our communities accept in good conscious, these cuts. Most local governments will terminate services that prevent and end homelessness, and California's anemic affordable housing production will plummet, leaving a similar amount of precious federal resources on the table in the process.

That is why we are writing to express our support of the Legislature's budget proposal, specifically the priority to restore funding to several of the state's most essential affordable housing and homelessness programs. Specifically, in addition to approving the state Low-Income Housing Tax Credits the Governor restored in the May Revise, **we call on the**



**Governor to restore \$325 million in proposed reversions to the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP), HCD's core affordable rental housing production program and to fund the Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program at \$1 billion.**

**Housing is the solution to homelessness, and MHP is the state's largest, most flexible program for affordable housing production.** MHP funds much-needed affordable housing through a cost-effective program that leverages other federal and private sources of funding 5:1. MHP funds developments across the state for the state's most vulnerable, including specific focus areas through set-asides for rural communities and seniors. But without action, this program will come to an immediate halt, stalling construction of new affordable homes. This comes at the worst possible time when recent legislative successes to streamline the permitting of affordable housing have added 47,000 shovel-ready affordable homes to the funding pipeline and 2018's Proposition 1 housing bond funds have already run dry.

**Jurisdictions are using HHAP funds to slow and reduce homelessness, and now is a critical time to extend this hard-won progress.** HHAP is a critical source of funding that allows local jurisdictions and continuums of care the flexibility to support a range of solutions to address homelessness in their communities and has connected thousands of unhoused Californians to shelter and housing. If the HHAP program is defunded this year, programs will wind down across the state, interim housing and shelters will be forced to close, and Californians experiencing homelessness will be left without a path to stable housing.

These two programs work in combination to prevent and end homelessness: HHAP provides interim housing and supportive services to people experiencing homelessness, and MHP complements HHAP by providing a destination for those receiving HHAP services and keeping California's lowest-income households from falling into homelessness in the first place. Failure to fund these two programs will stall affordable housing development and jeopardize the local infrastructure that has been built to address homelessness.

Now is not the time to abandon the state's commitment to addressing homelessness and our dire affordable housing needs. These targeted investments in MHP and HHAP will help us cement and build on the progress we have made to date until we can enact longer-term funding solutions.

Sincerely,

A Community of Friends  
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Affordable Housing NOW  
ACLU California Action  
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Alliant Communities  
Brilliant Corners  
Burbank Housing  
CA Behavioral Health Planning Council  
Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation  
California Coalition for Community Investment  
California Housing Partnership

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation  
Center for Community Advocacy  
Center for Employment Opportunities  
Center for Sustainable Neighborhoods  
Century Housing  
City of Goleta  
Community Corp. of Santa Monica  
Community Economics, Inc.  
Community Human Services  
Community Vision  
Compass Family Services  
Council of Community Housing Organizations  
County of Marin  
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CTY Housing, Inc.  
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East Bay Housing Organizations  
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Housing Action Coalition  
Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura  
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Housing El Dorado  
Housing Innovations and Solutions  
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Interfaith Community Services  
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MidPen Housing  
Mission Economic Development Agency  
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Mutual Support Housing Communities  
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New Beginnings  
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Resources for Community Development  
Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions  
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Sacramento Housing Alliance  
Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness  
San Bernardino Free Them All  
San Diego Housing Commission  
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