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To: The Honorable Philip Ting
Chair, Budget Conference Committee

Honorable Members
Budget Conference Committee

From: Justin Garrett, Legislative Representative, CSAC
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**RE: IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION -
SUPPORT ASSEMBLY VERSION**

The California Association of Counties (CSAC) and the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) request your support of additional funding above that provided in the May Revision to support county administrative costs in the In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program. We are grateful for the \$22.8 million General Fund provided in the May Revision and all the work done by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on a new budget methodology for IHSS administration that led to the additional funding. Yet we believe that IHSS administration remains underfunded and that additional information we have provided since the May Revision demonstrates the need for additional funding.

At the beginning of the 2017-18 fiscal year, CDSS engaged CWDA and counties in comprehensive, collaborative, and productive discussions on the amount of workload required for effective administration of the IHSS program. The result of those discussions was IHSS administration workload assumptions that all parties believe fairly and accurately represents the actual work, and those workload assumptions were incorporated in the budget methodology used to develop the Governor's proposed budget in January. However, the assumptions used about the costs of IHSS workers were incomplete and CDSS and CWDA continued to work on those assumptions to better inform the May Revision. As a result, the May Revision did address some, but not all, of the issues with the assumptions made in January.

CWDA has provided additional actual county worker cost information in an effort to improve the accuracy of the cost assumptions used in the new budgeting methodology. The Administration has been very open to that information and we appreciate their continued engagement. We are hoping for a positive resolution to these discussions that will result in

additional funding to cover the actual county costs of administering the IHSS program. Thank you for your support.

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