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Re: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

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Message:

Dear Erin Horgan,

The attached copy of letter of support for CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding was CC'ed to the following:

- The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
- The Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly
- The Honorable Shannon L. Grove, California State Assembly
- The Honorable Brian W. Jones, California State Assembly
- County Welfare Directors Association of California

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 657-7409 x 220.

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March 28, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

Abode Services urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. Abode Services has partnered with Alameda County to provide local shelters to help family's access housing and employment. In addition, we collaborated with the County of Santa Clara for the Rapid Rehousing Program for families. Through the program, participants have access to supportive services, housing services, and subsidy administration. For more information on Abode Services and the services we provide, please visit www.abodeservices.org. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

Research shows that stable, safe housing is critical to the well-being, health, and long-term success of children and families. For children, homelessness contributes to impairments in cognitive development, physical health and self-regulation, and interferes with learning and social relationships; the younger the child, the more devastating the consequences. For homeless parents, 84 percent of whom are single mothers, lack of housing is both a consequence of and contributor to employment loss, depression, and physical health problems. The difficulties of job seeking as a homeless person can be an insurmountable barrier to employment.

The Counties of Alameda and Santa Clara, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. The following data illustrates the number of CalWORKs serviced in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties:

- In FY2015, Alameda CalWORKs served 29 adults and 36 children (65 total) in 24 households. 2 participants exited to permanent housing.

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Every day we provide
housing and services to
homeless people in our
community while working to
end the cycle of homelessness

- So far in FY2016, Alameda CalWORKs has served 97 adults and 139 children (236 total) in 80 households. 54 participants have exited to permanent housing.
- In FY2015, Santa Clara CalWORKs served 117 adults and 148 children (265 total) in 81 households. 146 participants exited to permanent housing.
- So far in FY2016, Santa Clara CalWORKs has served 162 adults and 245 children (407 total) in 117 households. 176 participants have exited to permanent housing.

For these reasons, Abode Services supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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March 14, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
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State Capitol, Room 5109
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RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell,

Alameda County Social Services Agency is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP). The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California. According to the most recent data available, California accounts for 21 percent of the country's homeless population.

The CalWORKs HSP was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. HSP is founded on the housing first principle of rapid re-housing, an evidence-based model that is proven to be cost-effective and have better outcomes than other housing models.

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Alameda County has received funding since the start the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. Since 2014, CalWORKs HSP locally has enrolled over 260 clients and housed 109 families. However, the need for the program is much greater than the slots available given our current funding level. Increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our

most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

For these reasons, Alameda County Social Services Agency supports additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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Alameda County Social Services Agency

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March 10, 2016

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State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

As the housing partner in the Tuolumne County CalWORKS Housing Support Program, the Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA) has been so inspired to witness the way the program is making it possible to end homelessness for families with children. To date, the program has provided secure housing and support services to 73 children and 51 adults in Tuolumne County, stabilizing over 100 households.

Ending family homelessness has been a goal for our agency and local partners for almost a decade. Along with 31 other agencies and service providers, ATCAA developed the Central Sierra Continuum of Care 9 years ago. Together, we produced a 10 Year Plan to End homelessness in the foothill counties of Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa. *Ending family homelessness was the top priority in the Plan.*

We urge you to support enhanced funding for the Housing Support Program in fiscal year 2016-17. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million from the State General Fund will result in much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

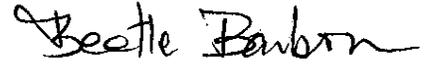
Our experience with homelessness shows that stable, safe housing makes all the difference to the well-being, health, and long-term success of children and families. For children, homelessness contributes to impairments in cognitive development and physical health. It also interferes with learning and social relationships. We know from the research that the younger the child, the more devastating the consequences. These are just words on a page, though, until you stand in our emergency shelter and watch a family pack up their scarce belongings and walk out the front door with nowhere to go.

The Housing Support Program has changed that. Every family with children that comes to our shelter now has a path to re-housing with this program. For homeless parents, 84% of whom are single mothers, living in safe and decent housing enables them to attend to physical and mental health problems for themselves and their children. With housing stabilized, they can hold a job or attend job training.

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For all of the above reasons, the Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Margaret (Beetle) Barbour
Housing Resources Director

- cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
- The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
- County Welfare Directors Association of California
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May 3, 2016

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California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

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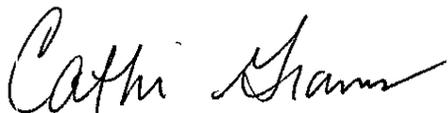
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The County of Butte received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. Since November, 2015, Butte County has received over 800 Housing Support Program applications from families in need of safe and stable housing and we continue to receive additional applications daily. The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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A '2013 Point-In-Time Homeless Census and Survey' from the Butte County Homeless Continuum of Care shows that out of over 1200 surveys completed, approximately 1,553 total individuals were experiencing homelessness in Butte County. Some notable results from the survey include:

- 17% of the homeless respondents reported having children
- 37% reported "employment/ financial reasons" as the cause of homelessness
- 55% reported "no job or income" as a barrier to housing
- 31% reported living outdoors/unsheltered
- 63% reported having lived in Butte County for five years or longer
- 35% were "chronically homeless".
- 29% reported having some college level education.
- 32% reported having a physical disability.
- 23% reported having a mental illness.
- 3% reported being under Post-Release Community Supervision (AB 109)

Since November, 2015, Butte County has received over 300 Housing Support Program applications from families in need of safe and suitable housing and we continue to receive additional applications daily. The Housing Support Program funding has helped to meet a critical need, but we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. Additional Housing Support Program funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, the Community Action Agency of Butte County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Thomas Tenorio, CCAP
Chief Executive Officer

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May 4, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
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 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: CalWORKS Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKS Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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The County of Butte, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. Our most recent homeless survey, completed in February 2015, identified 1,127 homeless households in Butte County, of which:

- 102 households included children under age 18;
- 73 households included single adults with children (8% of total);



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- 81 households were married or in partnership (7% of total);
- 41 households were married or in partnership, with children (4% of total);
- 20-27% of survey respondents reported "family problems" as cause of homelessness.

The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, the Housing Authority of the County of Butte supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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April 29, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The Torres Community Shelter urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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For these reasons, the Torres Community Shelter supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Brad Montgomery
Executive Director

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The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The Community Action Agency of Butte County urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

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A '2013 Point-In-Time Homeless Census and Survey' from the Butte County Homeless Continuum of Care shows that out of over 1200 surveys completed, approximately 1,553 total individuals were experiencing homelessness in Butte County. Some notable results from the survey include:

- 17% of the homeless respondents reported having children
- 37% reported "employment/ financial reasons" as the cause of homelessness
- 55% reported "no job or income" as a barrier to housing
- 31% reported living outdoors/unsheltered
- 63% reported having lived in Butte County for five years or longer
- 35% were "chronically homeless".
- 29% reported having some college level education.
- 32% reported having a physical disability.
- 23% reported having a mental illness.
- 3% reported being under Post-Release Community Supervision (AB 109)

Since November, 2015, Butte County has received over 300 Housing Support Program applications from families in need of safe and suitable housing and we continue to receive additional applications daily. The Housing Support Program funding has helped to meet a critical need, but we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. Additional Housing Support Program funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, Butte County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Tenorio, CCAP
Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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May 4, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
 California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
 State Capitol, Room 5109
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: CalWORKS Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The Housing Authority of the County of Butte urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

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The County of Butte, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. Our most recent homeless survey, completed in February 2015, identified 1,127 homeless households in Butte County, of which:

- 102 households included children under age 18;
- 73 households included single adults with children (8% of total);



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- 81 households were married or in partnership (7% of total);
- 41 households were married or in partnership, with children (4% of total);
- 20-27% of survey respondents reported "family problems" as cause of homelessness.

The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, the Housing Authority of the County of Butte supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program.

Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Edward S. Mayer
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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April 29, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The Torres Community Shelter urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

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The County of Butte, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. Last year the Torres Shelter provided emergency service to 57 families and nearly 100 children; this was an increase over 2014 and a number we expect to grow larger this year. The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families

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For these reasons, the Torres Community Shelter supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Brad Montgomery
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
County Welfare Directors Association of California
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County of Fresno

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May 3, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Fresno is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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The County of Fresno Department of Social Services received funding in the initial year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, Fresno County's need exceeds the current state funding. Based on the last published Point-in-Time Count, Fresno County had 1,458 total homeless of which 987 were unsheltered and 471 were sheltered. The Department of Social Services CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Unit has assisted 3,873 homeless families with one time assistance during the current fiscal year. Since the CalWORKs Housing Support Program's inception in Fresno County, we have provided support to 297 households. The program has been successful in permanently housing over 287 families and is reporting long-

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For these reasons, the County of Fresno supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Please do not hesitate to contact Delfino Neira, Director of Social Services, at 559-600-2302, should you have any questions regarding our support of this matter. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Buddy Mendes, Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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May 3, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

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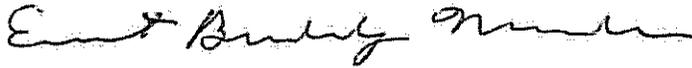
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Sincerely,



Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
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March 9, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
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RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

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Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

Home Start, Inc. urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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The County of San Diego, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. According to the 2015 Point in Time Count, there were 8,742 homeless individuals in San Diego County. 63% of those were in the City of San Diego. As of November 2015, there were 1,749 homeless CalWORKs cases in San Diego County. The highest number of those (35%) was located in HHS's Central Region, which encompasses the City of San Diego. The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.



For these reasons, Home Start, Inc. supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Mustari
CEO

cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
The Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly
The Honorable Shannon L. Grove, California State Assembly
The Honorable Brian W. Jones, California State Assembly
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Homeless Services Center

March 3, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The Homeless Services Center of Santa Cruz urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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The County of Santa Cruz, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. Of the approximately 30 families residing in the Homeless Services Center Family Shelter on any given night, over 75% are on CalWORKs. The HSP funds are the only pathway to permanent housing for these families who would otherwise not be able to pay high rental deposits and who would need to stay in shelter longer, as they work to increase their income to a rate that can support a market-rate rent in this area. The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, The Homeless Services Center of Santa Cruz supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Phil Kramer
Executive Director
Homeless Services Center
Santa Cruz, CA

cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
The Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly
The Honorable Shannon L. Grove, California State Assembly
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March 7, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services urges your support for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program in fiscal year 2016-17. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

Our department received funding in fiscal year 2015-2016. However, like many other counties, we have a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level. CalWORKs in Humboldt County currently serves 1,603 families, of which 191 (11.9%) self-report that they are homeless. Chronic homelessness was self-reported by 98 of those families (51.3%) with more than one instance of homelessness during the previous 48-months. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable children and families.

Thank you for your consideration of the CalWORKs Housing Program budget augmentation. The proposal represents a modest investment that will make a profound difference in the lives of children and families facing homelessness.

Sincerely,

Connie Beck
Director

cc: Senator Mike McGuire
Assemblymember Jim Wood
County Welfare Directors Association of California



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March 2, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Madera is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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Madera County received funding in the initial year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, we have a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level. This fiscal year we have had a total of 374 referrals. Out of that amount 162 were approved for housing assistance. The family's housing situation at the time of exit was 57 in permanent housing with 24 in temporary housing. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

For these reasons, Madera County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program.

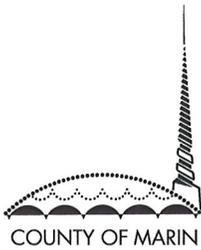
Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Rivera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer Rivera
Administrative Analyst II

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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April 27, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Marin is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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Marin received funding in 2015-16, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, the state has a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level. Rental costs in Marin are among the highest in the nation, meaning that homeless families in our county face an especially difficult challenge in gathering the first month's rent, security deposit, and last month's rent that most landlords require. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local and regional needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

For these reasons, Marin supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Grant Colfax
Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
County Welfare Directors Association of California
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March 9, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

MAXIMUS, Inc. urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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The County of Orange, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than we are able to serve given the current level of funding. The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, MAXIMUS, Inc. supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Tracie E. Hinds
Project Director

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March 9, 2016

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California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
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Sincerely,



Tracie E. Hinds
Project Director

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March 8, 2016

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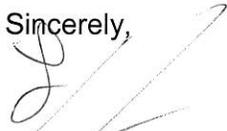
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Larry Haynes
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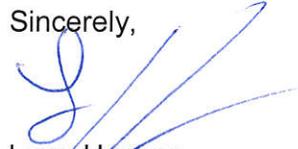
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March 7, 2016

CWDA

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear CWDA:

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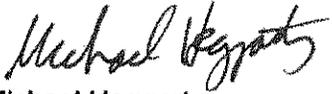
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For these reasons, Nevada County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Michael Heggarty
Health and Human Services Agency Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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March 3, 2016

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Dan Dry
Project Director

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MICHAEL A. HESTRIN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May 10, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
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Dear Chairman Thurmond:

RE: Adult Protective Services Program (APS): Support for Training

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Very truly yours,

MICHAEL A. HESTRIN
District Attorney

cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, CA State Assembly
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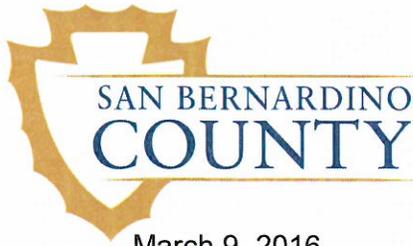
For these reasons, Sacramento County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Please do not hesitate to contact Natasha Drane at (916) 874-4627 or dranen@saccounty.net with your questions.

Sincerely,



Natasha Drane
Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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March 9, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Health and Human Services Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Chairwoman Mitchell:

The County of San Bernardino is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding of the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP). The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million to the State General Fund will provide much needed housing and social services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The HSP was enacted as part of the 2014-15 budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. The program is currently funded at \$35 million and is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the HSP to serve additional children and families throughout California.

The County of San Bernardino received funding in the initial year of the program which allowed us to permanently house over 200 families and funding received in fiscal year 2015-16 allowed us to provide permanent housing to an additional 211 families.

The San Bernardino 2015 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey identified 2,140 persons who were homeless on January 22, 2015. With the current funding level we have been able to meet a crucial need, however we have a greater community need and increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents.

Safe and stable housing is critical to the well-being, health, and long-term success of children and families. For children, homelessness contributes to impairments in cognitive development, physical health, and interferes with learning and social relationships. For homeless parents, lack of housing is both a consequence of and contributor to employment loss, and physical health problems.

A goal of the County of San Bernardino is to provide for the health and social service needs of its residents by utilizing County programs to move participants to self-sufficiency. The CalWORKs program aims to reduce poverty, increase employment, and improve child well-being. Housing instability undermines these efforts. The HSP is a proven and successful solution to the problem of housing instability. Expanding HSP funding will improve the long-term prospects of children.

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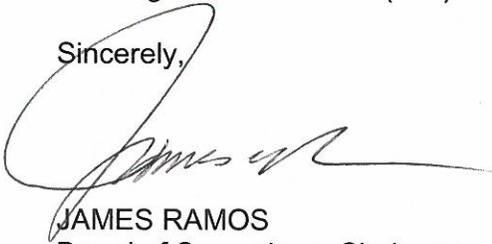
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For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and assist families as they move to self-sufficiency. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

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JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
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County of San Bernardino

c: Members and Consultants, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee 3 on
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March 7, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

CalWORKs HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is writing to urge your support in Fiscal Year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the Housing Support Program is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

Permanent housing is often the rung on the ladder to self-sufficiency that is missing in many families' journeys. Research shows that stable, safe housing is critical to the well-being, health, and long-term success of children and families. For children, homelessness can contribute to impairments in cognitive development, physical health and self-regulation, and interfere with learning and social relationships; the younger the child, the more devastating the consequences. For homeless parents, 84 percent of whom are single mothers, lack of housing is both a consequence of and contributor to employment loss and physical and behavioral health problems. The difficulties of job seeking as a homeless person can be an insurmountable barrier to employment. By eliminating homelessness as a barrier, families are able to focus on education, employment and overall improvement in their lives.

HHSA received funding in the initial year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable resident and ensure they are able to be healthy, live safely, and thrive.

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
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For these reasons, HHSA supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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NICK MACCHIONE, FACHE, Agency Director
Health and Human Services Agency

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
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CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding—Please see attached support request.

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March 22, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding**

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The County of San Francisco is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP). The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, statewide the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

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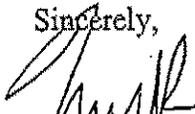
In San Francisco, we received roughly 2.8 million through the Housing Support Program in FY 14/15; we have served 192 families to date, of which 179 families received a housing subsidy and 13 received eviction prevention services/one-time payment. Over half of the families housed (55%) are active in employment services through our Welfare-to-Work program; 65% of families housed are working in subsidized jobs.

While HSP is helping to meet a critical need, San Francisco, like most counties, has a far greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level and the housing affordability crisis. Since HSP's inception, we have received a total of 1,141 referrals for homeless families, only a small fraction of which we can serve. We have over 200 homeless families on the shelter waiting list in San Francisco. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most

vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in great need.

For these reasons, the City and County of San Francisco strongly supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the self-sufficiency goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Trent Kibler
Executive Director
Human Services Agency
City and County of San Francisco

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
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March 9, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CALWORKS HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING

Dear Assemblymember Thurmond:

The County of Santa Cruz is writing to urge your support in the fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much-needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

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The County of Santa Cruz was honored to receive Housing Support Program funding in its inaugural year and increased funding this fiscal year. In the months since the program's inception, we have been inspired by the magnitude of change in recipients' lives. However, the need is much greater than we are able to meet given our current funding level.

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According to the 2013 Homeless Census and Survey, approximately 550 persons in families were homeless in Santa Cruz County; 37% of whom were unsheltered. Of those families who were surveyed as part of the homeless census, over three-quarters reported receiving government benefits. The top two cited primary causes of homelessness by these families were "lost job" and "couldn't afford rent", both of which are issues that the Housing Support Program, combined with other CalWORKS' assistance, directly address.

An increase in the Housing Support Program funding would not only enable us to continue to address the housing needs of our most vulnerable residents but also give the same opportunities to families in areas that did not receive this funding. For these reasons, the County of Santa Cruz wholeheartedly supports your efforts to enhance the current level of the Housing Support Program funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKS program.

Sincerely,



BRUCE McPHERSON, Chair
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cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
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March 8, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) urges your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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The County of Sacramento, with whom we have partnered in this effort, received funding in the first year of the program, which has helped to meet a critical need. But we have more families in need than

Senator Mitchell

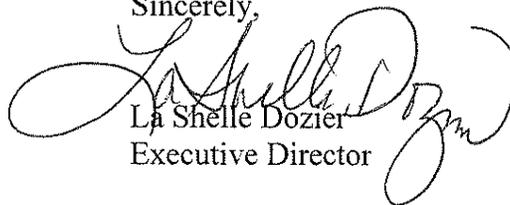
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we are able to serve given the current level of funding. The funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing and would also enable additional counties and their partner organizations that did not receive funding to provide services to other homeless children and families.

For these reasons, SHRA supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



LaShelle Dozier
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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May 13, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Solano is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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Solano County received funding in the second year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. According to the Policy Institute of California, by the end of December 2015, they indicated that Solano County had seen an increase of 3.9% since the last Census data was released, estimating approximately 16.9% of Solano County's population living below the federal poverty line. In February 2015, the Homeless Point in Time (PIT) study was conducted; identifying approximately 1,082 individuals were homeless on that given day and night in Solano County. Some statistical breakdown from the PIT count is as follows: 27% or 287 were Sheltered, 10% were in Emergency Shelter, and 17% were in Transitional Housing. The age breakdown for the PIT count was 6% for under the age of 18, 11% between the age of 18-24, and 83% for the age of 25 plus years. The PIT counted indicated that 57% were men, 43% were women, and less than 1% was transgender. The PIT count showed 73% or 795 Unsheltered, 41% were on the street, 3% were in abandoned buildings, 14% were in cars/vans/RV, and 15% were in

encampment areas. The CalWIN Homeless Case Count Report as of September 30, 2015 shows 524 unduplicated CalWORKs cases as homeless.

The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

For these reasons, Solano County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program.

Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Angela Shing
Deputy Director, Solano County Health & Social Services
Employment & Eligibility Division

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
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March 8, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The County of Sonoma is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

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Catholic Charities of the Dioceses of Santa Rosa received funding in the initial year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, we have a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level.

According to the 2015 Sonoma County Homeless Survey report, 3107 homeless individuals and 127 families were identified in January 2015 as homeless. A recent survey of clients applying for SonomaWORKS showed that 12% of families are lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

For these reasons, Sonoma County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jerry Dunn
Director, Sonoma County Human Services Department

- cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
- The Honorable David Chiu, California State Assembly
- The Honorable Shannon L. Grove, California State Assembly
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March 4, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
 California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
 State Capitol, Room 5109
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Tehama is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

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Tehama County received funding in the second year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, we have a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level. Using data received from fiscal reporting (July 2014 through June 2015), Tehama County averaged 1,266 active CalWORKs cases each month. We received an average of six requests per month for homeless

assistance during this same period. Throughout the 12-month period we evaluated, we had an average of 115 CalWORKs families identify as homeless each month representing an average of 9.1% of all CalWORKs families in Tehama County for the year. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

For these reasons, Tehama County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Amanda Sharp
Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
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April 25, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
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RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The County of Trinity is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

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Trinity County received funding in the second year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, we have a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level. As of 2014, 10.8% of all public school students were homeless at some point in Trinity County compounded with a 19.9% poverty rate in the county. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

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For these reasons, Trinity County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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Letty Garza
Director

cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
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March 3, 2016

The Honorable Tony Thurmond, Chair
California State Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Assemblyman Thurmond:

The County of Tuolumne is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

The Housing Support Program was enacted as part of the 2014-15 state budget and assists homeless CalWORKs families by moving them directly out of homelessness and into permanent housing. In turn, stabilized housing supports families' efforts in reaching self-sufficiency. Currently funded at \$35 million, the HSP is expected to serve an estimated 9,000 children in 4,500 families in 2015-16. A \$15 million augmentation will enable the program to serve an additional estimated 3,800 children in 1,900 families throughout California.

Research shows that stable, safe housing is critical to the well-being, health, and long-term success of children and families. For children, homelessness contributes to impairments in cognitive development, physical health and self-regulation, and interferes with learning and social relationships; the younger the child, the more devastating the consequences. For homeless parents, 84 percent of whom are single mothers, lack of housing is both a consequence of and contributor to employment loss, depression, and physical health problems. The difficulties of job seeking as a homeless person can be an insurmountable barrier to employment.

Tuolumne County received funding in the initial and second year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, we have a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level. Our current funding is anticipated to run out well before the end of the current fiscal year, which has caused the county to limit access to Housing Support Program applications. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

...serving the Board of Supervisors, departments, and the community as good stewards of the County's fiscal and human resources through collaborative, professional and ethical leadership.

For these reasons, Tuolumne County supports your efforts for additional funding to help families find permanent housing and support the goals of the CalWORKs program. Thank you for your advocacy on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Craig L. Pedro
County Administrator

cc: The Honorable Rob Bonta, California State Assembly
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District Five ~ Randy Fletcher

March 9, 2016

The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Chair
California State Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3
State Capitol, Room 5109
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CalWORKs Housing Support Program Funding

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The County of Yuba is writing to urge your support in fiscal year 2016-17 for enhanced funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program. The proposed funding augmentation of \$15 million State General Fund will provide much needed housing and services for families who are homeless and living in poverty in California.

Yuba County received funding in the initial year of the program, and it is helping to meet a critical need. However, we have a greater need than we are able to meet given our current funding level. In January 2015, the Sutter-Yuba Homeless Consortium completed a Point in Time study of the current homeless count in the Yuba and Sutter County area. The study estimated there are 869 people homeless in the bi-county area, which is a 19.7% increase since 2014. Of the 869 individuals, 261 were children ages 17 and under. At the time of this study, 52.6% (or 461) of the 869 homeless persons declared they had stayed in Yuba County the previous night. The increased funding would enable us to continue to address local needs for housing among our most vulnerable residents. Additionally, homeless children in other counties who were not funded in the current round are in need.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Abe", written in a cursive style.

Roger Abe, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

- cc: The Honorable Bill Monning, California State Senate
- The Honorable Jeff Stone, California State Senate
- County Welfare Directors Association of California
- Californians for Safety and Justice