BIG CITY MAYORS

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May 19, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, 9th Floor
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The Honorable Toni Atkins
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
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The Honorable Phil Ting
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The Honorable Sydney Kamlager
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RE: Big City Mayors Budget Request FY 2022-23 Update

Dear Governor Newsom, Pro Tem Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Senate Budget Chair Skinner, Assembly Budget Chair Ting, and Budget Subcommittee Chairs Kamlager and Carrillo,

On behalf of the Big City Mayors, we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of you for your leadership and focus during these extraordinarily challenging times. We are grateful for our successful partnership. We are especially appreciative that the Administration, the Senate and the Assembly have all highlighted the need for ongoing, flexible homelessness funding. As the Administration and Legislature negotiate the State Budget over the next few weeks, we would like to highlight the following priorities for the Big City Mayors.

Our top budget priority remains an additional allocation of $3 billion for Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP), $1 billion for FY 22-23 and $2 billion for two additional years.

HHAP was reauthorized by AB 140, which was signed into law by Governor Newsom on July 19, 2021. These flexible, direct allocations have allowed our cities to create an additional 9,000 shelter spaces and serve over 25,000 individuals. **We ask that these dollars remain flexible, to continue to be eligible to fund innovative interventions that help move people off the street including community cabins, congregate and non-congregate shelters and navigation centers, safe RV and vehicle parking, tiny home villages, safe sleep sites, safe storage sites, transition age youth (TAY) shelters, outreach and supportive services, workforce development services, counseling and mental health services.** Without HHAP, dozens of homelessness interventions would be demobilized and thousands of our most vulnerable residents would be forced back onto the streets once past commitments of state funds are expended.

We are also supporters of the Governor's Homekey program and support the Governor's May Revision proposal for an additional $150 million in funding for the program including operations.

We also want to again express our support of Senate Bill 1338, the CARE Court proposal. Our number one priority continues to be addressing our State's homelessness crisis. We feel strongly that this client-centered approach based on evidence can stabilize, begin healing, and ultimately help individuals exit homelessness in less restrictive, community-based settings. We urge that a final CARE Court framework move forward this year.
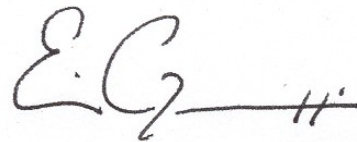
Thank you all for your tireless efforts to address California's most pressing issues and ensure that this year's surplus is put to the best use to help our most vulnerable residents. We look forward to working closely with you as you finalize the 2022-2023 budget.

Sincerely,

California Big City Mayors Coalition

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